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In accordance with the instruction of the Second General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, held in Fort Wayne, Ind., June 10-17, 1936, A.D., and the subsequent action of the Executive Committee, the General Synod convened for its Third Regular Meeting on Wednesday evening, June 22, 1938, A.D., at 7:45 o'clock (Eastern Standard Time) in the St. John's (Evangelical) Church, 59 East Mound Street, Columbus, Ohio. It continued in daily sessions until Wednesday, June 29, adjourning finally at 12:10 *p.m.*

ARTICLE I. RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Opening of the General Synod

The invocation and opening prayer were offered by the Rev. Arnold E. Klick, pastor-loci. The Scripture lesson selected from the introductory chapter of the 1st Epistle of John was read by Vice-President, Dr. Louis W. Goebel, followed by the General Prayer and the Apostles' Creed.

Dr. George W. Richards, President of the General Synod, preached the sermon from the First Epistle of John, 5th Chapter, 5th verse—"And who is he that overcometh the world but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"—Theme: The victorious fellowship of the Church with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Dr. Edward O. Keen, Roll Clerk, announced the presence of a quorum—84 delegate ministers and 71 delegate elders of the "R" Group, representing 54 Classes; 61 delegate ministers and 60 lay-members of the "E" group—representing 20 Districts, having enrolled for the opening session of the General Synod.

The General Synod was accordingly called to order for the transaction of business by President Richards who defined the bar of the house to include the pews in the centre of the church auditorium between the pillars.

The Program and Schedule of Business, as found in the White Book, was presented by Dr. William E. Lampe, Secretary of the Executive Committee. It was forthwith approved by the Synod, to be carried out as far as possible.

Pastor Klick briefly addressed the General Synod in friendly words of welcome to which President Richards made apt response.

The evening session was closed with the doxology and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Richards. General Synod then adjourned, to meet at 8:30 on Wednesday morning for the Communion Service as scheduled in the approved program.

Based on the *Order of Business and Program*, as adopted later, printed programs listing in fuller detail the order of the Religious Services, were helpfully prepared and distributed by the pastor-loci, Rev. A. E. Klick, for the use of the audiences assembled from Wednesday to Friday evening inclusive, and on Sunday at the mass meetings. A condensed record of these services is herewith included.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND

7:45 p.m. *Opening Service* in Charge of Rev. Arnold E. Klick, pastor, St. John's Church, Columbus, Ohio. Prelude, Choral "My Refuge Alone"—Mrs. Arthur Kremm, Organist. Processional "The Church's One Foundation"—Invocation; Address of Welcome, Rev. A. E. Klick; Response, Dr. George W. Richards, President. Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"; Prayer; Choir—"I am Alpha and Omega" (Choir director, Earl F. Hughes); Scripture Lesson; Anthem "Turn Thy Face from My Sins"; Hymn "How Firm a Foundation"—Sermon, Dr. George W. Richards; 1st John 5:5 "The Victorious Fellowship of the Church with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ"—Prayer, Benediction, Recessional "I Love to Tell the Story."

THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD

8:30 a.m. *Communion—Prelude* "My Heart Is Filled with Longing"; Invocation; Hymn "God calling yet"—Prayer, Rev. A. E. Klick. Sermon, Vice-President Dr. L. W. Goebel, John 21, "Lovest Thou Me"; Communion Hymn; "Here, O My Lord"—Preparatory Service, Consecration and Prayer, Communion, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Benediction.

7:45 p.m. *Ministerial Pension and Relief and Home Missions*—Rev. Charles E. Miller, D.D., President Board Home Missions, presiding. Prelude, "Choral Prelude on the Crusader's Hymn"—Invocation. Hymn, "Go Labor on, Spend and Be Spent"—Prayer, Rev. Silas P. Bittner, D.D. Anthem, "Softly and Tenderly" (Wilson Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church—Mme. Murta Wittkowski, choir director, Mr. F. D. Mayer, Organist). Scripture, Rev. J. J. Braun. Address, "A Modern Church-Pension Program," Rev. Reid S. Dickson, D.D.—Solo—Address on Home Missions, Rev. Purd E. Deitz, D.D., Prayer, Benediction.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH

7:45 p.m. *Foreign Missions*—Rev. Charles E. Creitz, presiding. Prelude, "Sonata in E Minor"; Processional, "The Church's One Foundation"; Invocation; Hymn, "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"—Prayer, Rev. Theo. R. Schmale; Anthem, "Unfold, Ye Portals"; Scripture Lesson, "The Great Commission" (In English—Rev. Theo. Schmale; In Hindu—Rev. Th. Schultz; In Japanese—Rev. Elmer H. Zaugg; In Chinese—Mrs. Edwin Beck; In Spanish—Miss Bertha Scheidt; In Arabic—Mrs. D. D. Baker; In Ewe—Dr. E. Th. Mueller). Address, Rev. Charles E. Creitz, "A Century of Missions"—Offertory—Anthem, "Trees," Junior-Intermediate Choir (Mr. Kenneth Dunnich, Director)—Address, "Progress and Prospect," Rev. Fred A. Goetsch, D.D. Prayer, Benediction—Recessional, "I Love to Tell the Story."

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH

10:30 a.m. — *Morning Worship*—Prelude, "Adagio"—Processional, "The Church's One Foundation"—Call to Worship—Confession of Faith; Hymn, "Father, Again in Jesus' Name"—Prayer, Rev. F. C. Klick, D.D.; Anthem, "Open the Gates"—Scripture, II Corinthians 4; Offertory Anthem, "O For a Closer Walk with God"; Sermon Hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"—Sermon, "The Christian Gospel in an Unchristian World," Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, D.D., Union Theological Seminary, New York City; Prayer, Benediction, Recessional, "I Love to Tell the Story."

2:30 p.m. *Churchmen's Brotherhood*—Prelude, "Noel Ecossais"; Hymn, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"—Invocation, Rev. R. W. Blemker, D.D.; Apostles' Creed; Scripture Lesson, H. H. Webbink, Independence, Mo. Prayer, Hon. D. J. Snyder, Greensburg, Pa. Solo. Greetings, President Walter H. Witthaus, St. Louis, Mo. Announce-

ments, Marshall R. Anspach, Esq., Williamsport, Pa. Churchmen's Convention at Harrisburg, Rev. Chas. Freeman, Doylestown, Pa. Offering, Solo — Address, "Steady Lights on Stormy Seas," Prof. A. Wehrli. Prayer, Rev. E. J. Westerbeck. Hymn, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" — Benediction, Dr. John M. G. Darms. Doxology.

7:45 p.m. — *Christian Education*—Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, D.D., *Presiding*. Prelude, "Thou Art My Rock" — Processional, "Holy, Holy, Holy" — Invocation; Hymn, "Father of Eternal Grace" — Prayer, Rev. Ralph C. Abele; Anthem, "Prayer of Thanksgiving" — Scripture — Anthem, "Holy Art Thou" — Address, "The Primacy of Christian Character," Rev. George A. Buttrick, D.D., New York City. Prayer — Hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee." Benediction. Processional, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand."

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The following Report on *Advisory Members* was presented and approved by the General Synod at its closing session. It is here included as a record of fact, as complete as could be secured.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADVISORY MEMBERS AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee has recorded the names of advisory members and visitors and herewith submits the same to the General Synod.

Your Committee has also received the requests for excuses from the official delegates to this Synod, for reasons assigned, and recorded the same, and recommends that they be accepted by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl G. Wolford

R. F. Kuretsch

Howard S. Fox

C. O. Lundegren

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2. Defining the Bar of the House

See under Opening of the General Synod

3. Officers of the General Synod

(Elected at the close of the meeting of the General Synod in 1936)

President—The Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., LL.D., W. James Street, Lancaster, Pa.

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On Thursday morning, following the reading and adoption of the Minutes of the first session, Dr. William E. Lampe presented a recommendation of the Executive Committee that the present officers of the General Synod be its presiding officers for the duration of the Third Meeting of the Synod. A motion to adopt this recommendation was carried unanimously. Dr. J. Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk, announced the appointment of Dr. Edward O. Keen, York, Pa., as Roll Clerk, and Drs. Carl G. Haas, Rochester, N. Y., and Elmer L. Coblenz, Reading, Pa., as Corresponding Secretaries. These appointments were forthwith confirmed by the General Synod.

ARTICLE III. PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

The Report of the Executive Committee, as it was presented and adopted by the General Synod at its opening session on Wednesday evening, is as follows:

Program and Schedule of Business

All Meetings on Eastern Standard Time

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1938

7:45 P.M. Opening Service
 Sermon by the President, Rev. George W. Richards, D.D.,
 LL.D.
 Prayer, constituting the General Synod
 Report of the Roll Clerk
 Defining the Bar of the House
 Presentation of Program, and Schedule of Business
 Address of Welcome—Rev. A. E. Klick, Pastor

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

8:30 A.M. Communion Service—Meditation, Rev. L. W. Goebel, D.D.
 9:30 A.M. Business Session
 Minutes
 Organization
 Appointment of Committees
 Presentation of reports in Blue Book, White Book, other documents
 Report of the President on the State of the Church
 Reports of Stated Clerks—actions of the Districts and Classes on the Constitution
 Overtures and Resolutions
 Report of the Committee on Constitution and Charter
 Reports of Treasurers
 Report of the Executive Committee
 Recess from 12 M. to 2 P.M.
 General Synod Photograph at 12 o'clock
 Luncheon at the church
 During the morning and afternoon of this day all reports and documents should be referred to the proper committees, routine action be taken wherever possible, and the Report of the Executive Committee be begun.

- 4:00 P.M. Adjournment, in order that the committees may meet, organize and begin their work
- 7:45 P.M. Public Service in the interests of Ministerial Pensions and Relief and Home Missions.
Address by Rev. Reid S. Dickson, D.D. Theme: "A Modern Church Pension Program"
Address by Rev. Purd E. Deitz, D.D. Theme: "Certainties for Tomorrow"

FRIDAY, JUNE 24—at Deshler-Wallick Hotel

- 9:00 A.M. Minutes
Urgent Business
Report of the Committee on Overtures, etc., continued
Report of the Executive Committee
- 10:40 A.M. Report of the Committee on Home Missions
- 11:40 A.M. Devotional Service, in charge of Rev. William F. Kosman, D.D.
- 12:00 M. Recess
- 2:00 P.M. Report of the Committee on Constitution and Charter
- 3:45 P.M. Report of the Committee on Christian Education and Publications.
- 5:00 P.M. Adjournment
- 7:45 P.M. Public Service in the interest of Foreign Missions.
Address, Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, D.D., Theme: "A Century of Missions"
Address, Secretary F. A. Goetsch. Theme: "Progress and Prospect"

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

- 9:00 A.M. Minutes
Urgent Business
Overtures and matters from the Executive Committee
- 10:00 A.M. Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions
- 11:00 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee, nominating Officers of the Church
- 11:10 A.M. Report of the Committee on Orphans' Homes and Charitable Institutions
- 11:40 A.M. Devotional Service, in charge of Rev. H. H. Lohans
- 12:00 M. Recess
- 2:00 P.M. Report of the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief
- 3:00 P.M. Committee on Youth Organization
- 3:15 P.M. Election of Officers of the Church
- 4:00 P.M. Adjournment
- (6:00 P.M. Supper Conference of Kingdom Service Committees)

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

All services at St. John's Church

- 10:30 A.M. Morning Service—Sermon by Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, D.D.
"The Christian Gospel in an Un-Christian Age"
- 2:30 P.M. Men's Meeting, under the auspices of the Churchmen's Brotherhood. Address by Rev. Allen G. Wehrli.
Theme: "Steady Lights on Stormy Seas"

- 7:45 P.M. Public Service in the interest of Christian Education. Address by Rev. George A. Buttrick, D.D.
Theme: "The Primacy of Christian Character"

MONDAY, JUNE 27

- 9:00 A.M. Minutes
Urgent Business
Overtures
- 10:00 A.M. Report of the Committee on Book of Worship
- 10:20 A.M. Report of the Committee on Hymnal
- 10:40 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee, nominating members of Boards
- 11:00 A.M. Devotional Service, in charge of Rev. H. Nevin Kerst, D.D.
- 11:20 A.M. Recess
- 2:00 P.M. Report of the Delegates to the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences
- 2:30 P.M. Report of Special Committee on Central Publishing House
Completion of reports of committees on reports of Boards, etc.
Reports of Special Committees
- 4:00 P.M. Election
- 5:00 P.M. Recess
- 7:45 P.M. Business Session
Report of the Committee on Evangelism
Report of the Committee on Christianity and Social Action

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

- 9:00 A.M. Minutes
Urgent Business
Overtures
- 9:50 A.M. Report of the Committee on Equalization of Ministerial Salaries
- 10:00 A.M. Report of the Committee on Educational Institutions
The Association of Schools, Colleges and Theological Seminaries
Nomination and election of Editors
- 11:40 A.M. Devotional Service, in charge of Rev. F. W. Schroeder
- 12:00 M. Recess
- 2:00 P.M. The Federal Council of Churches
- 2:30 P.M. The Alliance of Reformed Churches
- 2:50 P.M. The American Bible Society
- 3:00 P.M. The Budgets of the Boards and agencies and for the General Synod—Apportionments and Quotas
- 4:00 P.M. Report of the Committee on the Churchmen's Brotherhood
- 4:30 P.M. The Woman's Missionary Society and the Women's Union
- 5:00 P.M. Recess
- 7:45 P.M. Business Session

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- 9:00 A.M. Minutes
Overtures
- 10:00 A.M. Endowment and Trust Funds
Fire and Storm Association
Historical Societies
- 11:40 A.M. Devotional Service, in charge of Rev. E. H. Wessler, D.D.
- 12:00 M. Recess
- 2:00 P.M. Reports of Special Committee
- 4:00 P.M. Final Roll Call and Adjournment

There will be a Missionary Tea, especially for the women visitors at the General Synod, at St. John's parsonage, the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Klick, 674 S. High Street, on the afternoon of Monday, June 27, from three to five o'clock.

A comprehensive and most interesting Exhibit of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and its work throughout the world has been arranged by Rev. David D. Baker and a corps of assistants. This Exhibit, in the Educational Building at the rear of the church, will be open all day Wednesday, June 22, at the noon recess on Thursday, and from five to seven forty-five o'clock on Thursday and Friday evenings. It will also be open on Saturday at hours when the General Synod is not in session, and all day Sunday. With the Exhibit will be a display of books and other publications from our denominational book stores.

ARTICLE IV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

President Richards, on Thursday morning, made announcement of the appointment of the Committees listed on page 16 of the "White Book." From time to time, as occasion arose, later in the sessions, he appointed additional Committees. These appointments, with subsequent changes and substitutions, were approved by the General Synod and in their final form are as follows:

I

OVERTURES AND RESOLUTIONS—W. Sherman Kerschner; Carl G. Haas; Chalmers G. Beaver; Elmer Fogt; Fred B. Tate; Charles R. Wilke; F. L. Zinsmaster; R. Kofer, E. Pfundt.

II

HOME MISSIONS—F. Frankenfeld; Allan S. Meck; J. H. Overbeck; Geza Takaro; Charles Warber; E. H. Werle; Dr. P. Meyer; Emanuel Good; T. D. Mayer.

III

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Edward O. Butkofsky; F. W. Schroeder; Simon Sipple; A. E. Limper; Thomas W. Rhoads; J. D. Frank; Geo. Schlesinger; Edward Yost; Edward H. Scheffey.

IV

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION—Wayne H. Bowers; O. A. Muecke; F. C. Schweinfurth; David Dunn; H. R. Gebhardt; H. W. Schultheis; G. Krampe; Dr. Charles P. Rice.

V

PENSIONS AND RELIEF—J. N. Levan; R. F. Richter; W. Bechtold; Ralph S. Weiler; Stephen L. Flickinger; Herbert Blaufuss; F. W. Klein; J. N. Olweiler; Joseph W. Weaver.

VI

ORPHANS' HOMES AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS—E. Seybold; E. F. Mayer; Max J. H. Walenta; Arthur P. Schnatz; George W. Ziegler; Arba Derr; Geo. Bartling; John Abele; P. E. Mowrer.

VII

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS—T. Lehmann; Elmer L. Coblentz; Frank A. Rosenberger; Jacob C. Leonard; Dr. Calvin A. Brown; Matthew Worthman; F. A. Keck; Otto Grauer; Fred Rusch.

VIII

CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIAL ACTION—Scott R. Wagner; F. R. Daries; Klaus J. Stuebbe; H. Nevin Kerst; A. F. Schroeder; Samuel E. Basehore; Louis Held; Oscar C. Grueninger; B. F. Wolfensberger.

IX

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION—J. R. C. Haas; James R. Shepley; L. C. F. Miller; Edward E. Zechiel; Paul Traeger; Dr. G. W. Hartman; William Fuzy; W. H. Witthaus; Mrs. F. M. Ashbrook.

X

ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS—Wm. C. Hazlebeck; Walter F. Meck; W. Bechtold; Paul W. Yoh; Henry J. Beck; George W. Deppert; Sydney S. Smith; Wm. Heyl; James M. Schroepe.

XI

NOMINATIONS—Wm. F. Kosman; G. W. Grauer; Daniel J. Wetzel; Paul Press; James E. Wagner; Paul M. Schroeder; E. H. Wessler; N. C. Dittes; Paul Schultz; L. W. Swanson; Herbert D. Schaeffer; Carl G. F. Bosch; Frank Arner; Marshall R. Anspach; G. A. Sayres.

XII

ELECTIONS—Eugene L. McLean; C. Wolf; Theodore Hauck; Chas. F. Althouse; Milton F. Klingaman; P. E. Kehle; Geo. Low; C. W. Pflug; Chas. Wiechering; John Sensenbach; Philip C. Justus. *Additional appointments made on Monday:* H. J. Schlundt; R. C. Warber; A. C. Dittman; H. Emmet Latschar; Harry Watson; Samuel E. Basehore.

ADDITIONAL TELLERS TO COUNT BALLOTS—"E," H. J. Schlundt, R. C. Warber, A. C. Dittman; "R," H. Emmet Latschar, Harry Watson, Samuel E. Basehore.

XIII

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE—Lawrence E. Bair; F. A. Meusch; A. C. Ricks; E. C. Grauer; Richard W. Herbster; Eugene P. Skyles; E. Roy Corman.

XIV

CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE—Hon. D. J. Snyder; John W. Mueller, Esq.; John H. Eisenhower; D. E. Bosma; George W. Goebel; A. H. Steinbeck; E. W. Schumacher; D. H. Bauman; Harry L. Lyne.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS AND APPORTIONMENTS—Edward Keen, Walter F. Lahr, W. A. Kratz, Harry Brindle, D. A. Bode, Paul M. Schroeder, Philip Justus, H. J. Damm, Fred A. Kratch, A. H. Krusemark.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Wm. Riemann, Peter Gerdes, Ira Gass, C. Eugene Blum, Harry Schempp.

COMMITTEE ON SALARIES—F. W. Schroeder, Erwin R. Koch, Paul Press, Chas. Wilke, Wm. H. Brown, Simon Sipple, Chas. P. Rice, Ralph S. Weiler, Jacob C. Leonard, H. Nevin Kerst, G. W. Hartman, M.D.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE—E. J. Westerbeck, P. C. Kehle, Wm. Heyl, R. R. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS—Chas. D. Rockel, Erwin R. Koch, Walter F. Meck, Michael Kross, George Longaker.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MATTERS OF NEBRASKA CLASSIS—Ezra Vornholt, Paul Traeger, Marshall R. Anspach.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—Milton F. Klingaman, E. Plassmann, Th. Hauck, Charles F. Althouse, D. Baltzer, George M. Conrad.

COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES AND ADVISORY MEMBERS—E. G. Wolford, R. F. Kuretsch, Charles Tonn, C. O. Lundgren, Howard Schley Fox.

COMMITTEE ON WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES—T. Lehmann, Barnabas Dienes, Lawrence E. Bair, S. Leslie Schaefer, F. Frankenfeld, E. Schmidt, Henry Schlundt.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE LOSSES AT SYNOD—J. N. LeVan, Judge D. J. Snyder.

(Historical Committee—to be appointed)

ARTICLE V. PRESENTATION OF "BLUE BOOK," "WHITE BOOK," BOOKLET REPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These reports and documents were officially received on Thursday morning and referred to the proper committees or for consideration as "Orders of the Day" during the sessions of the General Synod.

ARTICLE VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

The following report was read to the General Synod on Thursday morning by President Richards. It was received with appreciation and referred to the Committee on Overtures and Resolutions. On Saturday afternoon President Richards stated that he had forgotten to mention the Churchmen's Brotherhood in his report on the State of the Church but that he was 100% for this organization and its National Convention to be held in Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 1 and 2. The General Synod further voted, on Friday, that this Report with its recommendations be adopted and printed in full in the official minutes. The report, as thus approved, reads as follows:

1. Report of the President of General Synod on the State of the Church

To the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church:

For obvious reasons I shall reiterate with verbal changes the first paragraph of my report to the General Synod at Fort Wayne two years ago. The union of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States was consummated under the name *Evangelical and Reformed Church* at Cleveland, Ohio, June 1934. The realization of the consequences of the consummation will require a score and more of years. What was legalized in a moment by the adoption of a resolution must be vitalized in a generation—a process that is not without toil and tribulation. Differences in doctrine, government, modes of operation, traditions and customs, must be reconciled without the suppression of spontaneity and freedom of thought and action. To this end we shall have to cultivate the spirit of mutual confidence and toleration and shall have to be controlled not by our personal opinions and preferences but by the will of God as revealed in Christ.

I. The Condition of the Congregations

In the preparation of this report I made use of a summary of the State of the Churches, the Benevolent Institutions, and other activities of the "E" group, prepared by President Klick, and of reports from the secretaries of the Boards. So far as one may draw inferences from statistics, the congregations have not only kept their own in this time of economic crisis, but they have made commendable progress both in growth of membership and in contributions for the payment of debts and for benevolences. God alone, who looketh not at the outward appearance but at the heart, can pass judgment upon the spiritual life.

I am especially gratified by the spontaneous and generous aid given the churches which suffered from the floods in the midwest; much credit is due to the leadership of the "E" group. The answer to the appeal for aid to the churches under the cross in Europe and in China has been far in excess of last year. The amount sent to the Central Bureau for Relief at Geneva and other agencies of relief is \$2,195.71, a small sum, you will say, but far in excess, in proportion to membership, of that given by any Protestant church in the United States. I am convinced that far more than this amount was given by members of our congregations to relatives and friends in Europe during the past biennium. I trust that the Synod will favorably consider an apportionment of one to five dollars on each congregation in order to establish an emergency and relief fund which is to be used when occasions require it. The campaign for the reduction of the debts in the "E" group and of the Boards of the "R" group is encouraging. While the debts have not been paid, commendable progress has been made in the reduction of liabilities and in the increase of assets.

II. Notable Events and Achievements

I shall mention some of the notable events and achievements of the past two years. A complete statement will be found in the reports submitted to the Synod by the Boards, Commissions, and organizations. The First National Conference on Christian Education of the United Church was held at Lakeside in June of last year. About twelve hundred men and women were in attendance. The foremost Christian educators of America were among the teachers and lecturers. One of the results of the Conference is the organization of a Youth Cabinet which is headed by a Director of Youth Work. Its primary purpose is the interpretation and planning of the work of the young people of the Church for the Kingdom of God. The Boards of Education report a single program,

a pooled budget, and a completely unified staff. One series of church school publications instead of two is now in process of preparation. Eight new periodicals in place of seventeen were issued in January 1937.

The Women's Union held a convention in 1937. At least fifteen hundred women were in attendance. The program furnished a wealth of subjects and discussions, the fruit of which will become evident only in years to come. The Missionary Society of the former General Synod of the Reformed Church celebrated its Golden Anniversary in June 1938. The crown of the celebration was the offering of \$51,000 laid upon the altar of the Lord at the last session. Thank God for the women!

The work of Foreign Missions has been seriously disturbed by the undeclared war of Japan on China. Yet the Board made perceptible progress in the reduction of its debt and in the support of the missionaries, not all of whom could remain at their stations. Words cannot do justice to the heroism of the missionaries, to the loyalty to their Lord, and to one another, of the younger churches in both countries, and to the power of Christ in the lives of his followers.

The secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the "R" group reports that the net assets of the Board, after all liabilities have been met, amount to \$537,712, and that the total amount received for the cause of home missions from 1826 to 1937 is \$10,430,873.

President Klick's survey of the work of the "E" group deserves to be published in separate pamphlet. I read with gratitude and satisfaction many evidences of Christian life and work in the Districts, the schools, benevolent institutions, and the Publishing House. He concedes that more might have been done; yet as conditions now are we have reason to thank God and to take courage.

III. The Church and the World

The Church is always in the world but not of it; therefore it is always the Church militant, in its own way grappling with the world to subdue it unto the Lord. At present the political and economic order is radically changing. The Church was born into a world that was in its decline—the Greco-Roman Empire. Other worlds before it had come to naught—the Riverine monarchies of the Nile, the Tigris and the Euphrates, the Kingdom of Persia, the city states of Greece, and the Empire of the Macedonian Alexander.

In the Middle Ages church and state were united in the Holy Roman Empire with its feudal order. The independent sovereign states—constitutional monarchies and democracies—and the separate churches, Catholic and Protestant, followed in the wake of the Middle Ages. At present totalitarian dictatorships have been established in order to solve the issues of life and death not only of men, women, and children, but also of ideals of life for which tribes and nations have lived and fought and died.

The Church of Christ has always been different from the world in spirit, in purpose, and in method of operation. It has its own origin and genius. It is a colony from heaven with distinctive functions. It has a leadership and totalitarianism of its own. Ever since the prophets came into Palestine, there has been controversy between the world of man and the world of God. Now that the rules of the world are taking counsel together, it becomes necessary for the men of God to work together in order that God's will may be accomplished. In the midst of a decadent and changing world the Church must maintain its timeless, spaceless, eternal character, function, and method. At the same time it must work for the physical, mental, and moral need of men who are suffering, must stand in judgment on theories of life and government which are directly contrary to the Christ of God and impose upon

men ways of life which will suppress the noblest aspirations of the soul. In view of these conditions one always stands in awe of the sublimity of the purpose and the simplicity of the method of the Man of Galilee who came that God's will upon earth might be done through the ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing.

IV. The Need of Cooperation

Perhaps the churches have never felt the need of closer fellowship, of unity of spirit and diversity of operation, as they feel it now. This is the witness of the Ecumenical Conferences of 1937 in Oxford and Edinburgh. The constitution of a World Council of Churches, which profess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, has been prepared by the Provisional Conference in Utrecht, Holland, May 9-13, 1938. I trust that this General Synod will adopt the Constitution, and that the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be among the first Churches to join this Council. Such a Council is possible only when Christians the world over will realize that they are one in purpose in Christ Jesus; that they have the same tasks notwithstanding their differences in faith and order; that there is one holy Church which has its origin beyond time—its mission in the world and its fruition in eternity.

We need the vision of the prophets, for without it we cannot work with the patience of the saints to fulfil the mandates of our Lord, and to accomplish that for which He came, lived and labored, died and rose and reigns—the realization of the reign of holy love in the universe of matter and mind. To that end the Christians of the world need to come together and to work together with one accord that they may not only hear God speak, but at the same time take counsel together to fulfill His will.

To that end we have Christian congregations with their organizations, the Boards of the Church supervised by the General Synod. To that end we call upon men and women to give themselves to Him as He gave himself for us. To that end we are to think and speak and act in all the relations of life controlled by the Word and Spirit of Christ.

V. What It Means to Be a Christian

In one of the standards of faith of our Church a Christian is defined as a member of Christ by faith, and thus a partaker of His anointing in order that he may confess His name, may present himself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him and may with free conscience fight against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter, in eternity, reign with Him over all creatures. (Heidelberg Catechism, Question 32.) No communist, nazi, or fascist dictator makes such unlimited demands on his followers as He who humbled himself to be a servant even to the death of the cross and who, therefore, was highly exalted above every name. The difference between the totalitarian leaders of today and our Leader, the Christ, is that the former live in impregnable castles guarded by armies of detectives and command their followers to obey their orders at the cost of personal freedom and of life itself. The Head of the Church boldly went to Jerusalem to be crucified. He told his followers that they would suffer the same fate; and by suffering they have prospered and upheld and promoted the cause of His Kingdom for two thousand years.

VI. Victory through Judgment

Through the Spirit of Truth the Church and the world are convicted of sin and of righteousness; that all things shall be subdued unto Him; and God will be all in all.

Wherefore, brethren, in the light of these promises, which are facts of faith, let us face our problems, none of which is insignificant; and as

sons of God and brethren, let us overcome the obstacles, fears, doubts, and hesitancy that are lurking in our minds and hearts in regard to the consequences of the union effected four years ago. Let us meet the proposals of boards, commissions, schools, for advancement, with a sober mind and with our hearts set upon Him who has all power in heaven and upon earth.

VII. The Church Transforming the World

The Church is in the world to transform it; otherwise it has no occupation in the world. This transformation, however, must be effected by forces that inhere in the Church and that work from within as leaven in the world's life. While the Church is a fellowship united by the spirit and purpose of the Lord, the individual members are to perform the functions of the Church in the world in various ways and through daily acts. They are the light of the world, the salt of the earth. Through them the Spirit of Christ, of love and justice, must transform the individual, social, and economic relations in which men live.

In fidelity to their divine mission they deliver the social order from the meaninglessness and barrenness of the secular order. Men and women who are in fellowship with the Father and the Son, in the words of William James, are "the invisible molecular moral forces that work from individual to individual, stealing in through the crannies of the world like so many soft rootlets, or like the capillary oozing of water, and yet rending the hardest monuments of man's pride, if you give them time."

If we thus seek the Kingdom of God—and only so will our plans, programs, financial needs, be met—all things will be added unto us, not by might, by force, by diplomacy, coercion, but by His Spirit. In this spirit let us work together with heart and hand with all the churches, with all who bear the name of Christ of every race, color, and creed, for that which is greater than any or all the churches: the Kingdom of God upon earth.

The Church has no finished and final form of a social or political order to offer for the solution of the world's problems and the cure of its ills—nothing akin to the fascist, nazi, or the communist order, each of which promises the welfare of men on this planet and is not Christ-minded but man-centered. The Church has far more than a religious or social program; it has the spirit of the eternal God in Jesus Christ. This spirit in each age, among all degrees and conditions of men, will take forms in doctrine, polity, worship, social ideals and action, which differ among different groups of Christians. The spirit, however, abides constantly, rejuvenating the Church, begetting new forms required to meet the changing order. No one who surveys the history of man from the days of the prophets to the present time will deny the profound influence of Christian judgments and values on the world's life.

VIII. The Conquering Church

One hears far too many cries of distress from leaders of the churches discoursing on the failure of the Church in the present world, especially at this time when general synods and general assemblies are in session. The Church is blessed precisely with the things which the New Testament promises: the Cross, great tribulation through which we shall enter the Kingdom of God. From one point of view the Church, like her Lord and his great Apostle, has always failed. When she is true to her Lord she has always succeeded, even in the catacombs, at the stake, in exile, and under the cross; and so she will finally conquer.

In vain will one search the New Testament writings to find cries of despair such as are spoken at present by moderators, teachers, editors.

ministers and laymen. What, on the contrary, did men write at a time when the world and its dictators did not so much as know that there was a Christ or a fellowship of Nazarenes? Words like these: "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"; "Rejoice, and again I say rejoice." The drama of the Apocalypse closes not with defeat and death like the play of Hamlet, but with the vision of the new heaven and the new earth: "There shall be no curse any more and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein . . . there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 22:3, 5).

"Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song."

IX. Our Triumphant Brethren

We rejoice in faith, though not without deep sorrow, in those our 90 brethren and fellow-ministers in Christ who during the last biennium have finished their work upon earth and have entered into the fellowship that remaineth for the sons of God. Though dead they yet speak, and their works do follow them.

"We give thanks unto Thee, O God, for thy great grace and many gifts bestowed upon those who have gone before us in the way of salvation, and by whom we are now compassed about, in our Christian course, as a cloud of witnesses looking down upon us from the heavenly world. Enable us to follow their faith, that we may enter into their joy; and so abide with them in rest and peace, till both they and we shall reach our common consummation of redemption and bliss in the glorious resurrection of the last day."

Immediately after the reading of this report let us hear the Report on Necrology by the Stated Clerks, and, led by them, pay a tribute of respect and affection in a service of prayer and praise.

"The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever." AMEN.

George W. Richards, President

2. Ministerial Necrology

The names of the ministers who had "departed hence in the Lord" since the Second Session of the General Synod; in June, 1936, were reverently read by Dr. J. Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk, following the report of the President on the State of the Church. At the close of the reading the General Synod rose and was led in prayer by Dr. Stein, after which it united in singing the familiar hymn of Dr. Henry Harbaugh, "Jesus, I Live to Thee."

These records are herewith entered as follows:

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY
(Evangelical)

To May 1, 1938

Prepared by the Secretary to President Klick

Name	Residence	Ordained	Date of Death	Age		
				y.	m.	d.
Kiefel, Ernest David, Clinton, Wis.....		1885	4-18-36	77	2	—
Krueger, George Henry, Emma, Mo.....		1901	5-16-36	61	5	8
Schweizer, Eduard, Marion, Ill.....		1866	5-19-36	95	9	21
Hagen, L. E. K., San Rafael, Calif.....		1885	6-11-36	77	5	13
Gottlieb, Edward, Ebenezer, N. Y.....		1888	7- 8-36	72	1	6
Krusekopf, Heinrich F., Chamois, Mo.....		1875	7-17-36	90	2	20
Pusch, E. E. W., Evansville, Ind.....		1911	8-14-36	52	6	15
Grauer, Adolph, Shawano, Wis.....		1929	8-18-36	59	3	28
Mehl, Wm. F., D.D., Louisville, Ky.....		1895	9-12-36	62	7	16
Bockstruck, Albert H., DeSoto, Mo.....		1893	9-23-36	68	5	22
Deckinger, Geo., Mokena, Ill.....		1874	11- 3-36	85	7	23
Niefer, H., D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.....		1895	12- 4-36	67	1	28
Krickhahn, Carl, Coloma, Mich.....		1896	2-17-37	70	9	24
Kraus, Philip, D.D., Meadville, Pa.....		1885	3- 7-37	77	7	23
Quinius, J. P., New Orleans, La.....		1883	3-18-37	75	8	27
Papsdorf, Otto Emil, Saline, Mich.....		1880	5- 4-37	79	11	17
Martin, Andrew, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.....		1901	5-12-37	73	3	18
Silbermann, J. J., Monee, Ill.....		1881	5-27-37	81	5	2
Kuhn, Karl August, New Haven, Mo.....		1891	6- 2-37	72	1	24
Barnofske, H., Kyle, Texas.....		1902	6-23-37	59	8	26
Friedrich, Hugo, Barnhart, Mo.....		1887	7- 3-37	77	1	18
Gabler, Christian, Grand Pass, Mo.....		1896	7-19-37	68	6	4
Winger, G. A., Davis, Ill.....		1918	8- 6-37	41	9	6
Bahnsen, H. T., Elmore, Ohio.....		1902	8-10-37	61	4	18
Krafft, F. H., St. Louis, Mo.....		1899	8-11-37	62	9	21
Hohmann, Louis H., Louisville, Ky.....		1899	8-28-37	64	—	18
Dorullis, John, Lenzburg, Ill.....		1893	9- 1-37	76	8	1
Kienle, G. A., D.D., Chicago, Ill.....		1890	9- 4-37	70	3	12
Kulbartz, J. L., Buffalo, N. Y.....		1916	9-12-37	42	11	5
Lorenz, R., Okeene, Okla.		1889	9-21-37	72	6	6
Schlinkmann, Wm., Columbia, Ill.....		1883	10- 3-37	79	3	29
Hetzel, Jacob, New Buffalo, Mich.....		1887	10-22-37	79	11	14
Eilts, E. H., St. Louis, Mo.....		1880	10-27-37	80	10	26
Streich, H. L., St. Louis, Mo.....		1907	11-14-37	58	—	5
Amacker, Traugott, St. Louis, Mo.....		1908	11-24-37	60	6	2
Fischer, J., Hartley, Iowa.....		1889	12- 7-37	78	9	18
Slupianek, Ulrich B., Blue Springs, Mo.....		1886	12- 8-37	79	5	4
Buehler, F. W., Palatine, Ill.....		1890	12-13-37	76	2	25
Varwig, Julius W., St. Louis, Mo.....		1898	12-18-37	61	4	13
Holke, Fr. W., Elmhurst, Ill.....		1868	12-20-37	95	1	7
Kniker, C. F., Ohlman, Ill.....		1886	1- 8-38	76	3	—
Neumeister, Walter E., East St. Louis, Ill.....		1892	1-18-38	68	9	14
Ramser, J., Los Angeles, Calif.....		1885	2- 2-38	83	1	7
Schuh, P. A., Monroe, Wis.....		1888	2- 7-38	70	9	23
Klein, F. C., Eitzen, Minn.....		1889	2-18-38	70	2	6
Zeller, Paul Emanuel, Auburn, N. Y.....		1887	4-19-38	74	—	16
Vieweg, Rudolf, Elmira, N. Y.....		1898	4-26-38	64	4	9
Hausmann, J., Gilman, Ill.....		1880	3-31-38	82		16

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY

(Reformed)

To June 22, 1938

Prepared by Stated Clerk J. Rauch Stein

Name	Residence	Li- censed	Or- dained	Date of Death	Age y. m. d.
Butz, Raymond E., M.D., York, Pa.....		1890	1891	1-22-36	71 6 16
Clausing, Henry A., New Phila., O.....		1902	1903	6- 4-36	60 3 22
Dokus, Gabriel, Sr., South Norwalk, Conn.....		1894	1895	6- 6-36	74 9 2
Kratz, Freder'k W., Ph.D., Phila., Pa.....		1895	1895	6-19-36	70 16
Roeder, Sam'l M., D.D., Lancaster, Pa.....		1878	1878	7- 7-36	85 2 10
Wettach, Edward D., D.D., Youngs- town, Ohio.....		1877	1877	7-30-36	84 2 25
Rothenberger, Israel, Lindsey, Ohio.....		1885	1885	9-27-36	79 2 4
Laubach, Edwin H., Zelienople, Pa.....		1896	1896	10-12-36	65
Yearick, J. Leidy, Saegertown, Pa.....		1907	1907	11- 3-36	66 3 12
Vondersmith, A. V., Charlotte, N. C.....		1903	1903	11- 6-36	58
Stonebraker, E. Wm., Beaver Falls, Pa.		1892	1892	12-31-36	76 2 25
Faust, Jacob N., Spring Grove, Pa.....		1898	1898	1- 8-37	63 10 15
Omwake, George Leslie, LL.D., Col- legeville, Pa.....		1901	—	2- 3-37	65 6 20
Bromer, Albert S., Philadelphia, Pa.....		1891	1891	2-17-37	69 11
Kerschner, J. George, Phila., Pa.....		1898	1898	2-17-37	80 9 24
Smith, Geo. B., D.D., Kutztown, Pa.....		1892	1893	2-20-37	69 7 12
Bachman, A. J., Schaefferstown, Pa.....		1878	1878	2-24-37	84 8 20
Buenzli, J. Henry, Wurttemberg, Ger- many		1914		3-11-37	70
Belser, John W., Cleveland, Ohio.....		1894	1894	5-22-37	70 9 22
Zechman, Edw. H., Beaver Spr'gs, Pa.....		1912	1913	6- 8-37	54 11 24
Zartman, Allen K., D.D., Akron, O.....		1876	1876	7- 1-37	88 23
Bartholomew, A. O., Littlestown, Pa.....		1898	1898	7- 4-37	63 2 9
Brensinger, Morris H., D.D., Fleet- wood, Pa.....		1889	1889	7-24-37	72 10 14
Schmidt, Ambrose M., D.D., Philadel- phia, Pa.....		1889	1889	8- 3-37	80 1 22
Rupp, Henry H., D.D., Lewisb'g, Pa.....		1901	1901	8-15-37	62 9 3
Poetter, Gustav R., Reading, Pa.....		1898	1898	8-23-37	64 9 22
Schweitzer, M.W., Ph.D., Ephrata, Pa.....		1897	1898	10- 2-37	65
Wieder, Franklin E., Lansdowne, Pa.....		1894	1896	10-27-37	76
Schlueter, Henry C., D.D., Balto., Md.....		1881	1881	11- 1-37	81
Toennes, William, Hazleton, Pa.....		1897	1898	11- 6-37	67 6 21
Horstmeier, W. Fred., D.D., Lans- downe, Pa.		1878	1878	11- 7-37	87
Mickley, J. Harvey, D.D., Johnstown, Pa.		1889	1889	11-24-37	75
George, Jonathan V., D.D., Reading, Pa.....		1890	1890	1-20-38	79 8 10
Heichold, Jacob H., Norristown, Pa.....		1895	1895	2- 3-38	71 23
Bechtel, John W., Osterburg, Pa.....		1898	1898	2- 9-38	66 10
Christ, Jacob, Waukon, Iowa.....		1886	1886	3- 3-38	82
Pannebecker, Jonathan H., Columbia, Pa.		1874	1874	3-12-38	89 8 14
Robrock, Henry B., Mansfield, O.....		1890	1890	3-31-38	72
Storrer, Jacob, Buffalo, N. Y.....		1884	1884	4 -6-38	76 5 15
Michael, Arthur J., Maywood, Ill.....		1907	1907	4- 7-38	57
Guth, John L., Siegersville, Pa.....		1915	1915	6-22-38	51
Blosser, Henry C., Jenera, Ohio.....		1894	1894	5-11-38	75 5 27

3. Report of the Stated Clerk

Though no report was requested from either this officer of the General Synod or his associate, Dr. Robert C. Stanger, the following brief statement is herewith included for the information of the Church as a record of fact.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Stated Clerk makes grateful acknowledgment that he has been richly blessed with health and thus enabled cheerfully to attend to the duties of the office committed to his care by the General Synod of Fort Wayne in 1936. These obligations he has endeavored to discharge faithfully, carefully and promptly. A number of the customary duties of this office, as they were definitely enumerated in the Minutes of the General Synod of 1934, have been gradually assumed by the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

In this final report of your Stated Clerk it is a privilege and a pleasure to make record of the faithful and friendly support which the Synodical and Classical Stated Clerks and Treasurers have steadfastly given throughout the 30-year period in which he has been entrusted with the keeping of the official records of the General Synod. He shall always esteem very highly the inspiring example and influence of his honored and faithful predecessors. Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, 1863-1893, and Dr. John Philip Stein, 1893-1908.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Rauch Stein

4. Reports of the Treasurers

The reports of Treasurers F. A. Keck and Milton Warner were presented in printed form on Friday morning. Treasurer Keck made brief comments on his report. The reports were then severally adopted as submitted.

CONTINGENT FUND OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

Report of F. A. Keck, Treasurer

January 1, 1936, to January 12, 1937

RECEIPTS

Milton Warner, Tr. Reformed Church—1935 Con. Fund	\$ 668.25	
Milton Warner, Tr. Reformed Church—1936 Con. Fund	14,398.74	
F. A. Keck, Tr. Evangelical Synod—1936 Con. Fd.	9,600.00	
Milton Warner, Tr. Ref'd Church—Fed. Council....	3,000.00	
F. A. Keck, Tr. Evangelical Synod—Fed. Council....	1,800.00	
Receipts on Booklet, "New Venture of Faith"	38.35	
Rental of Slides	77.00	
Refund—Travel Expense	52.55	
Refund—"What We Are and What We Do"	26.75	
Total Receipts, 1936	\$29,661.64	
Balance in Bank, January 1, 1936.....	1,589.21	\$31,250.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and Allowances	\$10,100.00	
Executive Committee—Travel, Meetings	1,583.78	
Committee on Stewardship	71.97	
Committee on Central Publishing House.....	231.05	
Committee on Constitution (Meetings, Printing, visiting Classes and Districts).....	1,674.67	
Printing:		
Statistics	\$1,637.72	
“New Ventures of Faith”	19.00	
Annual Programs	49.04	1,705.76
Committee on Correlation & Promotion.....	389.09	
Kingdom Service Conference	1,529.24	
Mailing “New Church News”	336.65	
Meeting of the General Synod:		
Bluebook, Whitebook, and Mailing....	\$ 718.96	
Use of Church	200.00	
Use of Typewriters, etc.....	64.89	
Publicity	175.00	
Travel	40.00	
Minutes	1,566.00	2,764.85
Committee on Hymnal	606.73	
Committee on Book of Worship.....	641.93	
Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism.....	141.32	
Commission on Christian Social Action.....	135.90	
Federal Council of Churches	4,800.00	
Federal Council Meeting	383.25	
Miscellaneous86	\$27,097.05
Balance in Bank, January 12, 1937.....		\$ 4,153.80

Audited by Schuessler, Keller and Company.

**CONTINGENT FUND OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE
EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH**

Report of F. A. Keck, Treasurer

January 12, 1937, to January 10, 1938

RECEIPTS

Milton Warner, Tr. Reformed Church—1936 Con. Fund	\$ 307.56	
Milton Warner, Tr. Reformed Church—1937 Con. Fund	15,266.08	
Milton Warner, Tr. Ref'd Church—Fed. Council....	1,000.00	
F. A. Keck, Tr. Evangelical Synod—1936 Con. Fd.	2,293.70	
F. A. Keck, Tr. Evangelical Synod—1937 Con. Fd.	13,153.37	
F. A. Keck, Tr. Evangelical Synod—Fed. Council....	1,800.00	
Rental of Slides	36.00	
Receipts on Booklet, "A New Venture of Faith".....	6.25	
Refund—"What We Are and What We Do".....	5.00	
Total Receipts, 1937.....	\$33,867.96	
Balance in Bank, January 12, 1937.....	4,153.80	\$38,021.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and Allowances	\$ 9,750.00	
Executive Committee—Travel, Meetings.....	1,051.55	
Committee on Central Publishing House.....	1,006.31	
Committee on Constitution—Travel, Meetings.....	826.69	
Statistics—Printing and Mailing	1,395.37	
Committee on Correlation and Promotion—Travel, Meetings	338.25	
Meetings, including Committee on Method of Apportionments	617.32	
Sub-Committees	53.90	
"New Church News"—Printing	949.91	
"New Church News"—Mailing	334.47	
Share in Cost of Unified Exhibit.....	8.00	
Committee on Hymnal	775.56	
Committee on Book of Worship	378.18	
Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism.....	102.50	
"Spiritual Advance Folders"	18.00	
Commission on Christian Social Action	564.50	
Federal Council of Churches	4,800.00	
Federal Council Meeting	12.00	
Delegates to Oxford and Edinburgh.....	750.00	
Universal Christian Council for Life and Work.....	200.00	
World Conference on Faith and Order Committee....	100.00	
Lord's Day Alliance Meeting	8.60	24,041.11
Balance in Bank, January 10, 1938.....		\$13,980.65

Audited by Schuessler, Keller and Company.

**CONTINGENT FUND OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH**

Report of Milton Warner, Treasurer

January 1, 1936, to December 31, 1937

Balance, January 1, 1936 \$10,393.49

RECEIPTS

Classes and Synods—Contingent Fund (including deficits)	\$58,884.27		
Miscellaneous Exchange	\$ 174.12		
On Board of Home Missions Note.....	500.00	674.12	59,558.89
			<u>\$69,951.88</u>

EXPENDITURES

Alliance of Reformed Churches.....	\$1,051.87		
Chaplain Account	300.00		
Faith and Order	100.00		
Federal Council of Churches	4,000.00		
Committee and Travel Expenses.....	430.09		
Office Expenses	2,530.21		
Salary Account	9,700.00		
(Reformed) Churchmen's (League) Brotherhood.....	1,300.00		
			<u>\$19,412.17</u>
Miscellaneous Exchange		178.40	
			<u>\$19,590.57</u>

F. A. KECK, TREAS. GENERAL SYNOD

On 1935 Account	\$ 668.25		
On 1936 Account	14,706.30		
On 1937 Account	15,266.08	30,640.63	
			<u>30,640.63</u>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ("R" GROUP)

On Deficits	\$ 785.27		
On 1935 Account	385.18		
On 1936 Account	7,471.33		
On 1937 Account	8,475.87	17,117.65	
			<u>17,117.65</u>

67,348.85

Balance in Market Street National Bank, Dec. 31, 1937..... \$ 2,603.03

Balance in closed Parkway Trust Company.....\$4,593.40

Due from Board of Home Missions on note..... 2,312.89

Audited and found correct: *Wm. F. DeLong* and *George W. Waidner*.

**"R" FUNDS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL SYNOD**

Report of Milton Warner, Treasurer

For the Years 1936 and 1937

	1936	1937
Balance at Beginning of Year.....	\$1,326.70	\$ 777.25
Receipts:		
General Synod Contingent Fund	8,288.28	8,829.37
Literature Sold	28.65	23.40
Contributions for Stewardship Contest Awards:		
Miss Helen L. Barnhart	10.00	—0—
Evangelical Synod of North America	100.00	—0—
Publicity Expenses Repaid	175.00	—0—
Reimbursement on <i>New Church News</i> —advanced for the General Synod in 1936 for mailing and postage	—0—	168.63
	\$9,928.63	\$ 9,798.65
Expenditures:		
Salaries—Stenographic and Clerical Aid..	\$2,848.83	\$2,880.61
Travel — Secretary	529.73	461.55
Travel — Others	61.90	33.00
Rent	1,063.92	1,063.92
Printing	2,289.34	2,039.65
Stewardship Essay and Poster Contest Awards	387.68	411.34
Stewardship Promotion	25.00	5.00
Literature Purchased	155.82	168.68
Addressing	23.30	23.25
Postage	1,203.43	943.91
Publicity (part)	66.65	37.80
Office Supplies and Miscellaneous Ex- penses	276.68	315.15
Furniture and Fixtures	—0—	232.53
Compensation Insurance and Sustentation Fund	46.72	64.00
<i>New Church News</i> —Advance for mailing and postage	172.38	—0—
	9,151.38	8,680.39
Balance at End of Year	\$ 777.25	\$ 1,118.26

Balance in closed Parkway Trust Company, \$1,032.37

Audited and found correct:

Wm. F. DeLong and Geo. W. Waidner.

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURER
EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA**

From February 1, 1936, to January 31, 1938

RECEIPTS

From Districts, for Disposal on Budget Basis

Atlantic	\$ 32,862.67	
California	5,640.45	
Colorado	4,196.30	
Indiana	107,448.62	
Iowa	31,485.39	
Kansas	11,742.96	
Michigan	51,097.74	
Minnesota	21,197.22	
Missouri	81,193.88	
Nebraska	14,716.08	
New York	58,431.12	
North Illinois	76,495.72	
Ohio	69,124.87	
Pacific Northwest	2,464.06	
Pennsylvania	15,562.97	
South Illinois	48,356.14	
Southern	10,321.52	
Texas	13,336.54	
West Missouri	28,436.48	
Wisconsin	51,896.48	
Montana and Canada Mission	705.50	\$736,712.71

From Special Designations for Synodical Treasury

Interest received on Annuity Investments.....	\$ 8,391.67	
Interest received on Endowments.....	2,502.65	
Interest received on Dunkirk Loan.....	550.00	
Interest received on Elmhurst & Eden Bonds....	1,132.25	
Rent—Robinson Academy	324.37	
Interest received on Elmhurst Loan.....	300.00	
Special Donations	6,716.80	
Interest received on Student Chapel Loan.....	154.16	
Rent — Garage — 203 Bompert Ave., Webster Groves, Mo.	2.50	
Proceeds from Sale of Schreibers Farm.....	4,923.88	
Proceeds from Sale of Property — Webster Groves, Mo.	4,000.00	\$ 28,998.28

From Special Designations, for Boards on Budget Basis

Eden Seminary	\$ 552.24	
Elmhurst College	564.12	
Home Mission	\$11,754.96	
Ozark Mission	2,723.60	
Biloxi Mission	1,294.92	
Seamen's Mission	34.00	
Mission Churches	1,144.77	

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Women's Union Projects:

Ascension Day Offering for Beth- any Church, Milwaukee, Wis.....	549.51	
Mission Church, Tacoma, Wash.....	636.32	

Thank Offering Projects:

Rev. Bucher's Salary—Ozarks.....	2,685.52	
Mission Work at Shannondale, Ozarks	2,844.10	23,667.70

Foreign Mission	69,451.76	
Honduras	732.10	
Lepers	2,127.39	

Women's Union Projects:

Ascension Day Offering for Schol- arship Loan in India.....	549.50	
Orphan Children at Chandrapur....	636.35	

Thank Offering Projects:

Mahasamund School—India	2,685.52	
Tilda Hospital	2,844.10	79,026.72

Ministerial Pension & Relief Fund....	4,214.40	
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Women's Union Thank Offering Proj-
ect for Ministerial Pension and Relief

Fund	5,529.62	
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	9,744.02	
Pastors' Homes	160.06	
Church Extension Fund	229.03	
Evangelical Women's Union	6.10	
Board of Religious Education	33.41	

\$113,983.40

To Special Designations, Not on Budget Basis

Dunkirk	\$ 272.65	
Synodical Debt	196,714.35	
Women's Union—Student Aid Fund	4,599.08	
Pastors' Emergency Relief Fund	95.00	
Caroline Mission	346.61	
Mohri Fund	15.00	
Eden Seminary Bond Issue	170,000.00	
Elmhurst College Bond Issue	200,000.00	
Eden Seminary—Bond Acc't (E. E. Advance)	23,300.00	
Elmhurst College—Bonded Indebt. (E.E.Adv.)..	28,360.00	
Elmhurst College Endowments (E.E. Advance)	28,360.00	
Elmhurst College Improvements (E.E. Adv.)....	14,180.00	
Dunkirk Bonds	25,000.00	
Annuities Received	29,150.00	
Legacies Received	54,131.75	
Charities Received (See following Statement)....	78,955.22	\$853,479.66

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OTHER RECEIPTS

Interest received on C. & M. Tempel Endowment	\$ 1,123.10	
Loans — Banks	105,000.00	
Notes Payable—Other than Banks.....	66,125.00	
Accommodation Account	30,516.77	
Wilhelmine Meyer Estate Fund	193.01	
Estate of Mary D. Eissner	120.00	
Emma Bakemeier Estate Fund	320.80	
Rev. A. E. Helm Foundation	16.50	
Contingent Fund—Receipts from Districts.....	23,080.02	
Return Checks	581.61	
Annuity Investments Paid	81,012.75	
Notes Receivable—Special	1,739.09	
Evangelical League Note	415.65	
Legacy Investment Account	2,275.00	312,519.30

Total Receipts..... \$2,045,693.35

DISBURSEMENTS

To Boards on Budget Basis

Eden Theological Seminary	\$ 47,706.00	
Elmhurst College	100,800.00	
Home Mission	152,604.00	
Foreign Mission	176,004.00	
Ministerial Pension & Relief Fund.....	103,008.00	
Pastors' Homes	3,060.00	
Church Extension Fund	3,000.00	
Board of Religious Education	32,604.00	
Evangelical League	6,624.00	
Evangelical Brotherhood	3,600.00	
Evangelical Women's Union	1,908.00	
Synodical Treasury (See following Statement) ..	147,056.27	\$777,974.27

To Boards on Budget Basis for Special Designations

Eden Seminary	\$ 552.24	
Elmhurst College	564.12	
Home Mission	23,560.70	
Foreign Mission	77,601.74	
Lepers	2,151.98	
Ministerial Pension & Relief Fund.....	9,744.02	
Pastors' Homes	160.06	
Church Extension Fund	229.03	
Board of Religious Education	33.41	
Evangelical Women's Union	6.10	114,603.40

To Special Designations, Not on Budget Basis

Dunkirk	\$ 272.65	
Eden Seminary (Women's Union Student Aid Fund)	2,299.54	
Elmhurst College (Women's Union Student Aid Fund)	2,299.54	
Pastors' Emergency Relief Fund	125.00	
Caroline Mission	346.61	
Mohri Fund	15.00	

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Elmhurst Eden Advance	22,000.00	
Eden Seminary Bond Account (Elmhurst-Eden Advance)	683.86	
Elmhurst College Improvements (Elmhurst-Eden Adv.)	16,141.31	
Elmhurst College Bonded Indebtedness (E. E. Adv.)	200,466.11	
Elmhurst College Bond Issue	200,000.00	
Legacies Paid	52,138.09	
Charities Paid (See following Statement)	78,921.94	
Kingdom Service Office	15,522.86	
Annuities Paid	5,600.00	
Dunkirk Bonds	25,000.00	621,832.51

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS

Return Check Account	\$ 601.86	
Notes Receivable — Special Account	2,442.27	
Accommodation Account	30,716.77	
Notes Payable—Other than Banks	217,620.65	
Notes Payable—Banks	105,000.00	
Maintenance—Schreibers Farm	6.30	
Bertha Hasse Estate	75.00	
Estate of Mary Eissner	33.00	
Eden Seminary (Rev. A. E. Helm Foundation)	16.50	
Contingent Fund — Evangelical & Reformed Church	25,047.07	
Investments purchased for Annuities	149,410.96	
Refund—Check sent in error for Biloxi	57.00	531,027.38

Loans:

Elmhurst College	\$ 7,500.00	
Churchmen's Brotherhood	500.00	8,000.00
Total Disbursements		\$2,053,437.56

Synodical Treasury Disbursements

Officers' Salaries:

Rev. F. C. Klick, President	\$7,215.00	
Rev. F. C. Klick, Rent	1,560.00	\$ 8,775.00
F. A. Keck, Treasurer	7,220.00	
Rev. J. P. Meyer, 13 months	3,250.00	
Rev. J. P. Meyer, Rent 13 mos.	975.00	4,225.00
Rev. H. L. Streich, 6 months	975.00	
Rev. H. Bode, D.D.	600.00	\$ 21,795.00

Office Expense:

President	4,637.82	
Treasurer	6,817.06	
Executive Secretary	6,953.16	18,408.04

Travel Expense:

Board of Directors	483.85	
Pastors' First Charge	96.35	
District Conferences	186.25	
Federated Charities Meetings	45.25	
General Council Meetings	1,132.26	
Executive Committee—Federal Council.....	91.95	
Extension Board Meeting	62.00	
Meeting Finance Committee	3.47	
Brotherhood Convention	40.15	
Miscellaneous	27.80	2,169.33

Printing:

Reports to Districts	\$ 1,249.48	
Mite Boxes	351.95	
Acknowledging Foreign Charities	141.85	
Friedensbote and Messenger to retired Ministers and Ministers' Widows.....	962.50	
Minutes of General Council	99.47	
Statistics	104.81	
Self-Denial Envelopes	127.05	
Conference Credentials	15.00	
Miscellaneous	11.25	3,063.36

Interest:

Annuity Investments	16,753.32	
Bonds & Loans	28,113.30	
Bank Loans	212.35	
Elmhurst Endowment Fund	7,025.18	
Eden Seminary Bonds	10,567.49	
Elmhurst College Bonds	27,937.50	90,609.14

Miscellaneous:

Expense: Residence, 203 Bompert Avenue, Webster Gr.	19.85	
Federal Council of Churches	3,600.00	
Safe Deposit Box	27.50	
Historical Commission	225.00	
Collection Fees on Checks	746.36	
Robinson Academy Insurance	37.80	
Treasurers' Bonds	1,451.75	
Auditing Treasurer's Books	750.00	
Evangelical Church—Webster Groves, Mo.....	1,000.00	
Dunkirk Insurance	337.98	
Rev. T. Schmunk, Gering, Nebraska.....	300.00	
Evangelische Gesellschaft	100.00	
Christianity and Social Problems	250.00	
Lawyers' Fees	33.13	
General Conference Expense	20.89	
Exhibit—Texas Centennial	111.40	
General Council Minutes	35.70	
Sundries	14.04	9,061.40

Honoraria:

Rev. Paul Press	250.00	
Rev. L. W. Goebel	250.00	
J. C. Fischer	250.00	
Rev. F. A. Meusch	400.00	
John W. Mueller	800.00	
		1,950.00
		<u>\$ 147,056.27</u>

CHARITIES

Home Charities

	Receipts	Dis- bursements
American Bible Society	\$ 64.59	\$ 64.59
American Indians Mission	2.00	2.00
American Red Cross	48.08	48.08
Deaconess Home & Hospital, Chicago, Ill.....	10.00	10.00
Deaconess Home & Hospital, Cleveland, O.....	10.00	10.00
Deaconess Home & Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.....	9.76	9.76
Deaconess Home & Hospital, Faribault, Minn.....	76.64	76.64
Deaconess Home & Hospital, Marshalltown, Ia.....	41.33	41.33
Deaconess Home & Hospital, Milwaukee, Wis.....	28.25	28.25
Deaconess Home & Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.....	37.50	37.50
Drought Relief	20.00	20.00
Emmaus Homes	3,594.95	3,594.95
Flood Relief	65,678.51	65,429.39
Hindenburg Disaster	11.00	11.00
Home for the Aged, Dorseyville, Pa.....	15.00	15.00
Old People's Home—Belleville, Ill.....	10.33	10.33
Old People's Home—Forks, New York.....	38.63	38.63
Old People's Home—St. Louis, Mo.....	88.67	88.67
Old People's Home—St. Paul, Minn.....	103.35	103.35
Old People's Home—San Antonio, Tex.....	17.00	17.00
Orphans' and Old People's Home—Bensenville, Ill.	2,838.84	2,838.84
Orphans' and Old People's Home—Detroit, Mich.....	269.61	269.61
Orphans' Home—Fort Wayne, Indiana.....	83.09	83.09
Orphans' Home—Hoyleton, Illinois	2,210.54	2,210.54
Orphans' Home—Littleton, Pa.	4.95	4.95
Orphans' Home—St. Louis, Missouri	1,389.64	1,389.64
St. Louis Institution & Hospital Mission.....	8.30	8.30
Winnebago Indian School	5.00	5.00
	<u>\$76,715.56</u>	<u>\$76,466.44</u>

Foreign Charities

	Receipts	Dis- bursements
Anstalt Hephata	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Barmen Mission	80.50	80.50
Basel Mission	88.50	88.50
Bethel, Bielefeld, Institute	273.86	273.86
Rev. Breithaupt in Basenthin	1.50	1.50
Missionary W. Blum, Guetersloh, Westf., Germany	10.00	10.00
Central Bureau Relief—Evang. Churches in Europe	48.00	48.00
China Relief Fund	204.30	204.30
China Reformed Mission	15.00	15.00
Christliches Liebeswerk im Orient	2.00	2.00
Cripple Home—Angerburg, Germany	6.00	6.00
Cripple Home—Oberlin, Germany	6.00	6.00

Pastor Fabianke—Pommern, Germany	1.50	1.50
Fliedner Mission—Spain	10.50	10.50
German Christian Refugees	234.40	234.40
German Relief Fund	11.00	26.00
Dr. Grenfell's Mission	5.00	5.00
Grossstadt Mission—Hamburg, Germany	2.00	2.00
Iraq Mission	10.00	10.00
Japan Reformed Mission	47.60	47.60
Mission to the Jews	8.00	8.00
Kaiserswerth Anstalt	15.00	15.00
Mrs. Pauline Krone	119.85	120.69
Refugees in China, Spain & Germany.....	37.00	37.00
Relief Support for Spanish Children and Sino- Japanese Sufferers	23.50	23.50
Spanish Refugees		200.00
Syrian Orphanage	963.65	963.65
Pastor Vietor	3.00	3.00
	<u>\$ 2,239.66</u>	<u>\$ 2,455.50</u>

February 1, 1936—Bank Balance.....\$ 63,411.84
 Receipts during 1936 & 1937..... 2,045,693.35

\$2,109,105.19
 Disbursements during 1936 & 1937..... 2,053,437.56

February 1, 1938—Bank Balance..... \$ 55,667.63

BUDGET DEFICIT

Budget Deficit Account—Feb. 1, 1936.....	\$371,907.35
Refund from Oakwood Institute Budget\$ 872.00	
Contributions for Synodical Debt 1936 and 1937 196,714.35	
Surplus—Synodical Budget 1937	302.14
	<u>197,888.49</u>
Balance	<u>\$174,018.86</u>
Kingdom Service Office Expense, 1936 & 1937....\$ 15,522.86	
Budget Deficit, 1936	10,583.43
	<u>26,106.29</u>
Budget Deficit—February 1, 1938.....	<u>\$200,125.15</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Keck, Treasurer,
 Evangelical Synod of North America.

ARTICLE VII. REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAL OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CON- STITUTION BY THE CLASSES AND DISTRICTS

On Thursday morning, after the Necrology record had been presented, Stated Clerks—J. R. Stein and F. A. Meusch made the following reports of the official actions of the Classes and Districts on the *Constitution and By-Laws* submitted to them by the General Synod in 1936 at Fort Wayne, Indiana, for their approval or rejection at their next annual meetings.

<i>Report from the Classes</i>		<i>Report from the Districts</i>	
Approved by	15	Approved at the Annual Conference by	18
Adopted by	33	Not voting; no Annual Conference held in 1937	2
Adopted or approved (with specified conditions) by	48		—
Rejected by	4		
Tie vote, no action taken by	2		
Refused to vote	1		
Total	56	Total	20

President Richards thereupon announced that more than the necessary 2/3 of the Classes and Districts had approved or adopted the Constitution and By-Laws.

After a frank discussion on the matter of declaring the Constitution now in effect, the General Synod requested that the Report of the Committee on Overtures and Resolutions, with reference to requests therein contained, for and against such declaration, be considered. Drs. W. Sherman Kerschner, Chairman, and Carl G. Haass, Associate chairman, accordingly made summarized report as follows:

- 10 Districts and 1 Synod requested favorable action
- 8 Districts and 1 Classis requested conditional action
- 2 Districts and 1 Classis voted reconsideration.

Thereupon the reading of the Overtures concerning the Merger (White Book, pages 17-23) was requested by the General Synod, and they were forthwith read by Dr. Kerschner.

A motion, by Rev. F. A. Meusch, that we postpone consideration of this report from the Committee on Overtures until we have heard the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Charter, including *its special resolution*, based on the records of approval or rejection by the Districts and Classes, was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Lampe, the Committee's secretary, then reported specially for the Committee on Constitution and Charter, presenting the following resolution:

**RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
CONSTITUTION AND CHARTER**

Whereas at the last meeting of the General Synod it was resolved that the Constitution and By-Laws, which had been approved by it, be submitted to the Districts and Classes for their approval or rejection and that, if approved by two-thirds of the Districts and two-thirds of the Classes, it be declared, at the next session of the General Synod, adopted and in effect for the Church; and

Whereas said Constitution and By-Laws have been so approved:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that said Constitution and By-Laws be declared adopted *but to be in effect at the convening of the next session of the General Synod, whose members shall be elected in accordance with said Constitution and By-Laws, and that in the meanwhile the Church be continued to be governed in accordance with the Plan of Union.*

Resolved further that, in the election of delegates to the next General Synod, all subordinate Synods erected prior thereto be recognized as Synods entitled to elect delegates thereto in accordance with the basis of representation fixed by the Constitution, and that in the cases of the Districts and Classes which have in the meanwhile not consented to a change in their status, they be recognized as entitled to elect delegates to said General Synod but always upon the basis of representation fixed by the Constitution.

Business was resumed at 2 o'clock, following an opening prayer by Dr. Rufus C. Zartman. Request was made that Mr. A. H. Witthaus read the circular letter issued by the St. Louis laymen, but a motion prevailed that this letter be not read.

In the course of the discussion of the resolution presented by the Committee on Constitution and Charter, which discussion was continued after the noon recess, Attorneys Reuben J. Butz and John H. Mueller, by direct request of President Richards, addressed the General Synod, from the viewpoint of constitutional law, on the clarity and legality of the proposed Resolution declaring the Constitution and By-Laws adopted.

Mr. Paul Schultz thereupon presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS only 3 Districts of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. and 2 Classes of the Reformed Church in the U. S. have recalled their resolutions approving the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church,

WHEREAS other resolutions adopted by other Districts and Classes have to do with and raise the question as to when the Constitution shall go into effect,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Synod, now assembled, do now formally accept and adopt the proposed Constitution as the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Dr. Timothy Lehman moved that the original resolution presented by the Committee on Constitution and Charter be substituted for the resolution presented by Mr. Schultz.

After a frank, heart-searching discussion in which the Synod was addressed by Revs. D. J. Wetzel, L. W. Goebel, Paul M. Schroeder, Elmer L. Coblenz, E. Seybold, F. R. Daries, Charles D. Rockel, Silas Bittner and Mr. A. H. Witthaus, President Richards made a concluding statement. The vote on the substitute resolution was taken (a rising vote). The resolution was declared adopted by a large majority vote. (Six dissenting votes were counted.)

Brief statements by Drs. Paul Press and F. C. Klick followed. Finally, at 3:45 p.m., *President Richards declared the Constitution and By-Laws adopted; but to be in effect at the convening of the next session of the General Synod.*

The General Synod arose to sing the Doxology, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." Dr. Richards pronounced the benediction. The Synod adjourned at 4:10 p.m. to meet in the auditorium of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel on Friday morning in accordance with the provisions of the adopted program.

ARTICLE VIII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The printed *Report of the Committee on Constitution and Charter* was presented by Dr. Lampe, its Secretary, on Thursday morning, just prior to his presentation of the Special Resolution of that Committee. Action was taken at successive intervals on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Report together with the recorded actions of the General Synod thereon, was finally adopted as a whole on Saturday morning. It is here included in its distinctive parts, as follows:

1. On Constitution and Charter

To the General Synod:

The General Synod, meeting at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1938, continued the Committee on Constitution and Charter and gave it certain instructions. The Committee has met three times during the past two years. Much of the work has been done through the sub-committees, especially Committee I, the attorneys, Committee III, on organization and administration—denominational judicatories, and Committee V, on general procedure.

1. Editorial Power for the Constitution and By-Laws

The General Synod gave the Committee "editorial power for correcting grammatical errors in drafting the final revision of the Constitution and By-Laws." The Committee printed seven thousand copies. A copy was sent to every minister and an additional copy to each congregation, through its pastor. Many requests for copies were received during the two years and all except about two hundred copies have been used. The following changes *were made* in the text, when printed:

Page Section

9	19	In the first and second sentences, "shall be" changed to "is," "shall have" to "has," and "shall be" to "is."
13	41	"in any article" removed.
17	25 b.	"each" changed to "the" after "Board of Examiners of."
23	52 a.	"the" added before "women's" and "young people's."
24	53	IV.—11.—Spelling of "Auxiliary" corrected.
24	53	V.—"Blue Book" changed to "Official Reports."
24	53	VII.—2.—comma added after "Necrology."
26	57	"and Administration" added after "Officers."
26	57 c.	"for" removed after "shall be."
28	63 a.	"the" instead of "a" inserted between "of" and "Synod."
29	72	Article VIII.—"The" inserted before "Kingdom Service Committee."
34	81	Comma removed after "Reformed Church."
37	89 a.	"and Budget" inserted between "Finance" and "Committee."
38	89 f.	" " " " " " " "
38	89 g.	" " " " " " " "
39	92	"92" moved up opposite "For the conduct."
40	92 b.	"account" changed to "accounts."
45	112	"in" inserted before "the development."
48	125	"of" changed to "for" before "discipline."
50	134	"transcript of the" inserted between "the" and "evidence."
51	141	"inferior" and "superior" changed, in two places, to "lower" and "higher."
54	161	Comma inserted after "session."
54	162	Comma removed after "consent."

The Committee believes that the periods and commas are not necessary after the items in the Program and Order of Business; that the words "so desiring" should be omitted from Section 55 b. on page 25, the commas after the various Boards in Section 94 on page 40, "of Directors" from the title "Boards of Directors of Theological Seminaries" in Section 94 on page 40 and wherever else it occurs, the "The" in the title of each Board in Section 94 on page 40; in Section 112 on page 45, the first sentence should read, "It shall be the duty of this commission to promote evangelism and the spiritual life and work of the Church."; "a, b, c," etc., should be stricken out wherever the paragraph also has a section number. *The Committee recommends that the General Synod approve of these changes.*

The Committee further recommends the following changes on the premise that a constitution is not a place to state facts, but is legislation for the future:

Page Section

9	19 a.	In the first line, "is" changed to "shall be."
10	21	In the first line, "consists" changed to "shall consist" and, in the second line, "has" changed to "shall have."
10	22	In the first line, "consists" changed to "shall consist" and, in the second and third lines, "constitute" changed to "shall constitute."
10	23	In the first line, "has" changed to "shall have."
10	24	In the first line, "are" changed to "shall be."
10	25	In the second line, "are" changed to "shall be."
12	33	In the first line, "enacts" changed to "shall enact," but leave "are" in the third line.
24	53	IV. "On" to be removed from 1. to 15. inclusive.
24	53	VII. "The" to be removed from 1. to 3. inclusive.
28		VI. "The" to be removed from title.
29		VII. "The" to be removed from title.
29		VIII. "The" to be removed from title.

- 33 81 In the third line, *comma* to be inserted after "Church."
 34 81 In the second line, *comma* to be inserted after "Church,"
 and in the fifth line, *comma* to be inserted after "congrega-
 tion," and in the seventh line, *comma* to be inserted after
 "Church."
 36 86 b. In the second line, *comma* to be inserted after Secretary.
 47 117 In the second and third lines, "The" to be removed from
 titles.

The "The" in headings to be omitted all the way through the document, and the other changes to be made consistently.

2. The "Law of the Church" on Marriage

The General Synod also referred to the Committee on Constitution and Charter item 9 of the report of the Committee on Christianity and Social Problems to the General Synod: "That the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action be requested to define the 'law of the church' on the matter of Christian marriage and divorce, in order that all ministers of the merged Church may be fully informed as to the position of the Church on this problem."

The Committee reports to the General Synod that it finds it impossible to define the "law of the church" on this matter because there is no such law in our Church, as yet. *It recommends that a commission be appointed to cooperate with other denominations in a complete study of this question.*

3. Incorporation of the General Synod

The Constitution provides, Section 49, that the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall be incorporated and that the General Synod shall have power to determine the place of incorporation and the terms and provisions of the articles of incorporation. The Committee, through Committee I, made a study of the laws of a number of the States and found that those of the State of New York are the ones most favorable for the incorporation of a religious body such as the Evangelical and Reformed Church. *The Committee recommends incorporation under the laws of the State of New York* and submits the following Certificate of Incorporation. Sections of the Corporation Laws of the State of New York are also submitted for the information of the General Synod.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
of
EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

We, the undersigned, _____, the presiding officer, and _____, the clerk, of the Evangelical and Reformed Church assembled in General Synod, an unincorporated body having jurisdiction over a number of synods and churches, some of which are located in the State of New York and the others in other states and elsewhere, the said presiding officer and clerk being natural persons of full age and citizens of the United States, and members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and the latter being a resident of the State of New York, do hereby, pursuant to section fifteen of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, as amended by Chapter 192 of the Laws of 1927 of the said State, make, execute and acknowledge this Certificate, as follows:

More than two-thirds of the members of the said Evangelical and Reformed Church, assembled in General Synod, are citizens of the United States.

A meeting of the said Evangelical and Reformed Church was duly held in St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, No. 59 East Mound Street, in the City of Columbus and State of Ohio, on Thursday, the Twenty-third day of June, 1938, at _____ o'clock in the forenoon.

The undersigned, _____, and _____, acted as the presiding officer and clerk, respectively, at the said meeting.

There were present at said meeting _____ of the _____ members of the said Evangelical and Reformed Church assembled in General Synod, all of whom were of full age and being a sufficient number to constitute a quorum.

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption at the said meeting, to wit:

"RESOLVED that the Evangelical and Reformed Church hereby determines to become incorporated, pursuant to section fifteen of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, as amended by Chapter 192 of the Laws of 1927, of the said State; and, further,

"RESOLVED that the name of said Corporation shall be EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH; and, further,

"RESOLVED that the presiding officer and clerk of the said body be, and they are, hereby directed to make, execute, acknowledge and file in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the said section, as amended and added to as aforesaid, a certificate for the purpose of forming a corporation in conformity with the said section, as amended and added to as aforesaid; and, further,

"RESOLVED that this meeting now proceed by a plurality vote of the members present to elect _____ persons to be the first trustees of such corporation."

Upon a vote being taken, the foregoing Resolutions were adopted at the said meeting by a plurality vote, _____ votes having been cast in favor thereof, and no votes in opposition thereto.

The said Resolutions were thereupon declared duly adopted.

The said meeting then proceeded to elect _____ trustees of such corporation. Upon a vote being taken, the following persons, at least one of whom is a resident of the State of New York, were duly elected by a plurality vote to be the first trustees of such corporation, namely,

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____

The said meeting then adjourned.

Proceedings were duly taken as provided in said section fifteen of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, as amended by Chapter 192 of the Laws of 1927, of the said State.

There is not, and is not intended to be, any principal office or place of worship of the said Evangelical and Reformed Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed and acknowledged this Certificate this _____ day of _____, 1938.

Presiding Officer

Clerk

STATE OF OHIO,
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, } ss:
CITY OF COLUMBUS

On this _____ day of _____, 1938, before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally came _____ and _____, to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Certificate, and severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires _____

GENERAL CORPORATION LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

ARTICLE 2

Section 4.

A Certificate of Incorporation must be executed by natural persons who must be of full age, and at least two-thirds of them must be citizens of the United States and one of them a resident of New York State.

Section 5.

Where the corporation does not have an office or place of business in the State of New York, the Certificate of Incorporation need be filed only in the office of the Secretary of State.

(Note) The Secretary of State does not require a County Clerk's Certificate authoritating the acknowledgment of a Notary Public or other officer taking an acknowledgment within the State of the execution of a corporation certificate to be filed in his office.

The acknowledgment may be taken before any officer authorized to take the acknowledgment or proof of the execution of a deed of real property to entitle it to be recorded in New York, and shall be made and certified in the same manner as such acknowledgment or proof of such deed.

Section 11.

Every corporation as such has power to have succession for the period specified in its Certificate of Incorporation or by-law, and perpetually when no period is specified.

(Note) Directors may make necessary by-laws, subject, however, to the by-laws duly adopted by the members of the corporation. The by-laws should fix the time and place of the election of the directors.

Section 34.

The affairs of every corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors at least one of whom should be a resident of New York. Unless otherwise provided a majority of the Board of Directors of a corporation at a meeting duly assembled shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. Subject to the by-laws, if any, adopted by members of a corporation, the directors may make necessary by-laws of the corporation. The members of the corporation may in its by-laws fix the number of directors necessary to constitute a quorum at a number less than a majority of the board, but at least equal to one-third of its number.

4. Division of the Evangelical and Reformed Church into Synods

The General Synod in 1936 adopted the general plan of the division of the Church into Synods, as submitted by the Committee, and referred this back to the Committee to make necessary adjustments, in conference with the respective Districts and Classes, in order to expedite the union of the Districts and Classes. Many conferences have been held and much correspondence conducted. The Plan of Union provides for the reorganization of Classes and Districts into new judicatories, but the General Synod has power to unite the subordinate judicatories only at their request. It is the understanding of the Committee on Constitution and Charter that the division of the Church into the following Synods has the approval of nearly all of the Classes and Districts. They have officially adopted the following resolution:

. . . (Classis or District) approves the division of the Church into Synods, as proposed by the Committee on Constitution and Charter, and requests the General Synod to establish the Synod (or

Synods) in which our (Classis or District) is to be included; provided, however, that the legal existence of this (Classis or District) shall continue until it shall have disposed, or divested itself, of all property, rights and powers belonging to or vested in it. The (Classis or District) assents to any minor changes in boundaries that may seem to the General Synod to be advisable or necessary.

Official reports of the actions of the Classes and Districts, together with actions regarding adjustments, will be made directly to the General Synod. (See later.)

5. Equalization of Traveling Expenses

Requests were made to the Committee "to work out some plan whereby the traveling expenses of all of the Synods shall be borne by the General Synod." Such a plan should include mileage but not entertainment. The Committee suggests the following: Each charge should send ten dollars to the treasurer of its Synod, preferably before the meeting of the Synod, for the traveling expenses of the pastor and the lay delegate. The Synodical treasurer would then pay the actual cost of travel for these two delegates of each charge and would send the balance to the Treasurer of the General Synod, who would use this balance to make up the amounts that would be needed by other Synods to cover expenses of the delegates of the charges over and above the ten dollars which each has already paid. This plan was submitted to the Executive Committee which voted its approval and is recommending it to the General Synod.

6. The Value of an Area

The General Synod meeting at Fort Wayne, Indiana, directed that the matter of Areas in the new Church be recommitted to the Committee on Constitution and Charter for further study and consideration. We therefore submit the following:

An Area, we will remember, was to be made up of a number of Synods in a certain geographical section. It would be something like the Synods in the former Reformed Church. The committee feels that there are certain very definite reasons why Areas should ultimately be defined and arranged for in the new Church. We enumerate a few of them:

1. In the entire promotional and educational process which will be necessary to bring about real union, it would be helpful and democratic if a representative of every Area would be a member of the General Council and be able to report back to the Area concerning the work of the Church. Conventions for Men, Women, Sunday School and Young People's Workers would be larger and more stimulating if they were given under the direction of an Area rather than of the small Synod.

2. We believe that one of the contributing reasons for the many and strong educational institutions in the Reformed Church was the "Synod" arrangement where Synods as such founded and supported institutions of learning. An Area could do great things that are more or less of interest to a certain geographical section.

3. We believe that a full-time worker, directed to give special attention to an Area, could assist in building up many weaker churches and could also visit and help such churches as have been very negligent in regard to support of the larger Kingdom interests. An Area arrangement with a leader of an Area giving his whole time to the work of the Church at large would increase budget giving. In this connection we also believe that the work of the Placement Committee would be much more effective if such a full-time man could give some of his time to the task of the Placement Committee. From a very practical point of view, it would help a pastor when he desires a change to change within the same Area and yet

move quite a distance away from his former parish. Simply, it would mean this: The minister would have larger opportunities and the congregation would be able to make its choice from a larger group.

We believe that ultimately something like an Area arrangement, without any legislative power, will become a reality. But we recommend that no action be taken at this meeting of the General Synod. At present it would only involve us in another problem. We now need to organize Synods and learn to know one another and to work with one another.

7. Forms

A number of Forms are necessary for the use of the united Church. Many requests have been received for a Form that can be used by a congregation in drafting its Constitution and By-Laws in conformity with the Constitution of the Church. There are requests for a Form for Transfer of Members. There should be forms for:

1. Certificate of Licensure
2. Certificate of Ordination of a Minister
3. The Call of a Minister
4. Transfer of a Minister.
5. Congregation Making Application to Synodical President for a Pastor.
6. Pastor Making Application to Synodical President for Placement.

The Committee offers the following suggestions regarding the Constitution and By-Laws for an Evangelical and Reformed Congregation, and also regarding the Transfer of Members:

7. A Form for Constitution and By-Laws for an Evangelical and Reformed Congregation

This form is intended as a guide in the making of a new constitution for a congregation of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. It will also be helpful in amending a constitution so that it will be in conformity with the Constitution of the Church.

Wherever the term consistory is used, church council may be substituted. Where two or more congregations constitute a charge, a joint consistory or joint church council should be organized. Special attention is called to the division between constitution and by-laws. The constitution should be filed with the court when required by law; the by-laws need not be. Thus the by-laws can be changed without application to the court, saving time and money.

Constitution

PART 1.

NAME.

The name of this church shall be _____ Evangelical and Reformed Church of _____ State of _____.

PART 2. Purpose, Affiliation, Confession and Meetings.

PURPOSE.

It shall be the purpose of this organization to establish in its community a Christian congregation for worship, to promote the Christian life, and to advance the Kingdom of God by all available means, both at home and abroad.

AFFILIATION.

This congregation shall be an organic member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and shall be governed by the constitution, laws, and rules of said Church.

DOCTRINE.

The Articles of Faith of the congregation shall be those of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, of which it is a member.

MEETINGS.

The Congregation shall have an Annual Meeting and such other meetings as are provided for in the by-laws.

QUORUM.

_____ members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. (Keep this figure low, perhaps one-tenth of the membership or even less.)

PART 3.**MEMBERSHIP.**

All baptized persons are members of the Church.

A. Persons who have been duly received into its communion by confirmation, by letter of transfer, or by profession of faith, and have not been excluded by the process of Christian discipline, shall be communicant members of this congregation and shall be entitled to all its rights and privileges.

B. Communicant members in good and regular standing shall have the right to voice and vote in the congregation, and also to represent the congregation or charge on the consistory or other judicatories of the Church, as provided in the by-laws.

C. Members who have permanently changed their residences to other cities or communities shall be urged by the pastor to obtain letters of transfer and, as soon as possible, unite with another congregation.

D. Members guilty of misconduct, which brings reproach upon the church, shall be disciplined in accordance with the rules of discipline.

PART 4.**ELDERS AND DEACONS.****A. Elders.**

An Elder is a member of the church chosen by the congregation and ordained to his office. He shall assist and support the pastor in the spiritual affairs of the church. An Elder shall take heed to himself that he may be an example unto others, watch faithfully over the spiritual interests of the congregation, maintain order in the House of God, aid in visiting the sick, and minister according to his ability to the edification and comfort of all the members. The manner of election, terms of office and rights and duties shall be defined in the by-laws.

B. Deacons.

A Deacon is a member of the church chosen by the congregation and ordained to his office. He shall aid in securing the funds necessary for the support of the church in its various activities, to foster the principles of stewardship, and to dispense the charity of the church. The manner of election, terms of office and rights and duties shall be defined in the by-laws.

PART 5.**THE CONSISTORY.**

The congregation shall have a consistory and a spiritual council.

A. The consistory shall be composed of the minister (or ministers), elders and deacons. It shall have jurisdiction and oversight of the con-

gregation and all its organizations. ——— members shall constitute a quorum (perhaps one-half of their number). It shall organize as provided for in the by-laws.

B. The consistory shall constitute the Board of Trustees. (This does not apply when the charter provides for a separate Board of Trustees.) The Board shall have the care and control of the property of the congregation as a sacred trust, whether real or personal, in accordance with the provision of the Articles of Incorporation and of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

C. *The Spiritual Council.*

The spiritual council shall consist of the pastor or pastors and the acting elders of the congregation. It shall have original jurisdiction in matters of discipline except in the case of the pastor. It shall provide the elements for the Lord's Supper and, when requested by the pastor, aid in their distribution. It shall admit members into full communion, upon request issue letters of transfer to members in good and regular standing, and exclude those who may err in the faith or offend in morals.

PART 6.

ADMINISTRATION.

1. *Congregational Meeting.*

The supreme legislative and administrative power of the congregation is vested in the congregation itself, assembled in meeting duly and legally called as provided in the by-laws.

2. *Congregational Prerogative.*

It is the prerogative of the congregational meeting to decide such questions as the buying and selling of property, building projects, extensive repairs of church property, the call and rejection of a pastor, and questions of the policy of the congregation, as well as changes in the constitution. For the transaction of all other business, the administration of the church is entrusted to the consistory, chosen and composed as provided for in the by-laws, or to the board of trustees.

PART 7.

THE PASTOR.

1. The congregation shall elect as a pastor only a minister who has been recommended or approved by the Placement Committee of the Synod.

2. The consistory shall nominate one candidate approved by the Placement Committee of the Synod for the pastorate, to be voted upon by the congregation. The congregation shall consider only one candidate at a time and vote by ballot for or against his election. If he is elected the consistory shall then tender him a call, according to the form prescribed by the General Synod. The call must be confirmed by the Synod or the Synodical Council.

PROPERTY.

The congregation may, in its corporate name, sue and be sued, hold, purchase, and receive title by gift, grant or other conveyance of and to any property, real or personal, with power to mortgage, sell, or convey the same, providing the State laws permit.

In case of a division in the membership of the congregation, both parties shall submit the question of the right to the property to the Synod and the decision of said judiciary shall be binding on all members of the congregation. In case of a dissolution of the congregation the title to the property shall vest in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. It is suggested that before adopting this paragraph the law

of the State in which the congregation is situated be investigated in order to avoid a conflicting law.

SOCIETIES.

All societies are subordinate to the consistory and shall report annually to the congregation.

DISCIPLINE.

Discipline in case of un-Christian conduct or other actions for discipline lies in the hands of the Spiritual Council except in the case of the pastor.

AMENDMENTS.

Additions and alterations to this constitution may be proposed in any regularly called meeting of the congregation. They shall be referred to the consistory, which shall consider the same and report to the next duly called meeting of the congregation. Said additions and alterations can be adopted only by a two-thirds' majority of all voting members present. The by-laws may be amended in any duly called meeting of the congregation by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

By-Laws

OBLIGATION TO THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH.

1. A delegate and alternate, preferably elders, from this congregation shall be elected each year by the consistory to the spring meeting of the Synod. The congregation shall also arrange that delegates of the congregation representing it, the consistory, the Sunday School, the Men's, the Women's and the Young People's Organizations attend the fall meeting of the Synod. The portion of the traveling expenses prorated by the Synod, as well as the registration fees of the pastor and delegates shall be paid by the congregation.

2. The congregation shall regularly contribute towards the support of all branches of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Synod according to the rules and actions of the General Synod and the Synod.

3. This congregation, either through its pastor or competent officer, shall make such reports to Synodical authorities as may be required of it, and in every way submit to just and lawful discipline.

4. The official year of the congregation shall be from January 1 to December 31.

PRIVILEGES AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

Privileges:

1. All members are entitled to a full share in the fellowship and the spiritual blessings of the church, and to the service of its pastor, officials, and other workers, as well as to the Christian sympathy and support of all members.

2. All communicant members of this congregation in good standing are entitled to voice, vote and office unless otherwise stated in the constitution or by-laws.

Duties:

It is the duty of all members to take an active part in all functions of the church for the glory of God and the uplift of mankind. This includes: Regular attendance at divine worship and study services; fervent prayer for the welfare of the church; a family altar and daily devotions in the home; careful attention to the religious training of youths; liberal

financial and moral support towards the maintenance and benevolent undertakings of the church; obedience to her established law and authorities; untiring zeal in bringing the unchurchly under her influence, and a spirit of Christian fellowship toward all members; membership in the organizations of the congregation wherever possible.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

1. The Annual Meetings shall be held in the month of January of each year.

2. *Special Meetings* may be called by the consistory. Upon the written request of five per cent of the communicant members, the consistory shall issue a call for such a meeting within two weeks after the request has been received. Proper notice shall be given of the time, place and purpose of a special congregational meeting. Only such business as has been mentioned in the call may be transacted at such special meetings.

ELECTIONS.

Elders and Deacons shall be elected by a majority vote cast at a congregational meeting. They shall be elected for a term of office of four years but it shall be so arranged that half of their number are elected every two years.

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations shall be made for the office of Elders, Deacons, by the consistory. Public notice of such nomination shall be given from the pulpit at least one week before the election. One additional nomination may be made by the congregation for each office.

CONSISTORY.

A. The administration of the congregation is vested in the consistory. The consistory is composed of _____ members, the Pastor (or Pastors) and _____ Elders and _____ Deacons. (Each congregation should have at least two Elders and two Deacons.)

B. The consistory shall transact the business of the church, make provision for the preparation and raising of the budget for the congregation as well as for the Apportionment of the Church and other benevolent purposes, distribution of alms through the Deacons, auditing of financial accounts and make complete provision for the adequate support of the staff of workers. It shall keep a complete and accurate record of its proceedings, be the custodian of all congregational records and report to the congregation at its regular and special meetings. They shall submit any or all records to the Synod when occasion requires or the Synod requests.

C. The Consistory shall direct the pastor to keep a complete record of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, reception of new members, transfers, erasures of names, suspensions, marriages, and deaths. All records shall be the property of the congregation. But upon dissolution of the congregation its records shall become the property of the Synod.

D. The Consistory shall approve all bills before payment and shall instruct the President and Secretary to sign vouchers authorizing payment.

E. (Some congregations will wish to insert an item similar to the following:

The Consistory may authorize any extraordinary expense but if such expense exceeds \$_____ it must receive the approval of the congregation.)

F. The Consistory shall through its President appoint such committees as it may find necessary to accomplish its work.

MEETINGS:

The Consistory shall meet within a week after the Annual meeting of the congregation for the purpose of organization and thereafter at least once every month at a place and time convenient to the members for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it. Special meetings are subject to the call of the President or Pastor.

ORGANIZATION:

The consistory shall organize itself. A President, Vice-President, Secretary, a Treasurer and a Benevolence Treasurer, and in larger parishes, a Financial Secretary, shall be elected for a term of one year. (The pastor is the President of the Consistory unless otherwise provided.)

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

It is the duty of the *President* to see that all meetings of the consistory are regularly called by the Secretary, to open and conduct such meetings, and to see to the execution of all resolutions. He shall remind the pastor to announce all regular and special meetings of the congregation on two successive Sundays, or in case it is so decided by the consistory, instruct the Secretary to send a call to such meetings to every member by mail. He shall, with the Secretary, sign all minutes of the meetings of the consistory and the congregation. (If the President is the pastor the Vice-President shall sign all official documents.) He is also empowered, with the Secretary, to sign all contracts, loans, vouchers, and deeds in the name of the congregation. (The latter refers to incorporated congregations. Where the congregation is not incorporated, the trustees must sign.)

The *Vice-President* shall preside at all meetings where the President is not present and also when business pertaining to the President and his administration is before the congregation. He shall do all in his power to help the President and make his administration easier.

The *Secretary* shall keep a record of all transactions at the meetings of the congregation and of the consistory, issue the call to all regular meetings at the request of the President, attend to all correspondence, keep a correct list of all members and their addresses, showing also the dates of their admission and of their withdrawal. He shall draw, sign, and have countersigned by the President all warrants on the Treasurer voted by the consistory, and, with the President, sign all contracts, loans and deeds.

The *Treasurer* shall have charge of all monies for congregational support received from the financial secretary, give his receipt for the same, and make all payments by vouchers against warrants drawn by order of the consistory and signed by the President and Secretary. He shall render a monthly report to the consistory and a quarterly and annual report to the congregation. He shall give bond to the amount decided by the consistory and receive an annual salary of at least one dollar.

The *Treasurer for Benevolences* shall have charge of all monies for benevolences received from the financial secretary, giving his receipt for the same. He shall keep a correct account of such receipts and of all disbursements and make all payments by vouchers against warrants drawn by order of the consistory and signed by the President and Secretary. He shall give bond to the amount decided by the consistory and receive an annual salary of at least one dollar.

The *Financial Secretary* shall receive all dues and monies. He shall give all monies to the Treasurer and take receipt for the same; he shall

issue receipts for money received and send statements to members who are in arrears. He shall prepare the vouchers for the President's and Secretary's signatures and have them approved by the consistory. He shall give bond to the amount decided by the consistory and receive an annual salary of at least one dollar.

The President and the Pastor are ex-officio members of all committees of the congregation and consistory.

A *Cabinet* consisting of the consistory, and the Presidents of the organizations of the congregation shall be formed, to co-ordinate and promote the entire program of the Church. It shall meet at least quarterly and be subject to the call of the President of the Consistory.

(Some congregations will wish to appoint other standing committees such as: Kingdom Service, Program, Ushers, Religious Education, Finance, Property, Music, Evangelism, Social Action, and others. If they are necessary, it would be well to mention them in the by-laws and define their duties.)

THE SPIRITUAL COUNCIL.

A. The pastor shall be the President of the Spiritual Council; if the congregation is without a pastor, one of the elders shall be chosen to preside. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

B. Stated meetings shall be held to consider and act upon applicants for membership, requests for letters of transfer and to discuss and to devise plans looking towards the quickening of the spiritual life of the congregation. A letter of transfer shall specify the congregation to which the person is dismissed and shall be valid for only one year. Special meetings shall be held at the call of the President or at the request of two elders.

C. The Spiritual Council shall exercise discipline in the congregation.

D. If a member shall neglect to partake of the holy communion, or refuse to contribute to the support of the Church, or continuously absent himself from the public worship for one year, such conduct shall be deemed worthy of censure, and he shall be admonished by the pastor or elders. If after admonition he continues in such neglect of duty for another year, the Spiritual Council shall notify him that he is no longer in good and regular standing, and his name be placed on a list of members under discipline. If before the expiration of another year he shall give evidence of change of heart and conduct, his name shall be returned to the roll of the active membership of the congregation. If at the end of the third year he shall give no evidence of change of heart and conduct the Spiritual Council shall erase his name from the church register, and notify him of such action. If any member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall unite with another congregation without a letter of transfer, the Spiritual Council shall likewise erase his name.

TRUSTEES:

(Trustees are often a group separate from the consistory. Sometimes the Consistory is the Board of Trustees.)

The property of the congregation, whether real or personal, and all monies and legacies, shall be under the care of the trustees, or those designated by the congregational charter. They shall hold the property as a sacred trust for the congregation and keep the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation in proper repair and adapted for uses it approves. The purchasing or selling of property, the borrowing of money which encumbers the property of the church and the remodeling and erection of buildings shall conform to the state laws

and be determined only by a majority vote of the members assembled at duly-convened congregational or corporate meetings and entitled to vote thereon, or as provided elsewhere.

THE PASTOR.

Term of Office:

The pastor shall be elected for an indefinite period. In order to terminate this relation, three months' notice shall be given by either pastor or congregation, unless by mutual consent.

Duties of the Pastor:

It shall be the duty of the pastor to set a good example to his congregation and to conduct all services on Sundays, holidays, and such other days as the congregation may desire, to direct the work of religious education, administer the Holy Sacraments, visit the sick, comfort the distressed, and to perform all such duties as belong to the pastor's office in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. He shall keep a record of all services performed and make an annual report of his work to the congregation.

Rights of the Pastor:

The pastor is ex-officio a member of the consistory, the Board of Religious Education, and all organizations within the church. As long as he is the pastor, no other minister shall perform any religious ceremony in the church without his consent. To invite a speaker either during a temporary absence of the pastor or for special occasions, the consent of both pastor and consistory is necessary. The pastor's salary shall be paid promptly in monthly installments and shall be sufficient to relieve him of temporal cares as far as possible and to preserve the dignity of his calling, subject, however, to the provisions of the contract between the pastor and congregation. His moving expenses, when he assumes charge, shall be borne in full by the congregation.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH.

The finances of the congregation shall be administered by the budget system. The budget shall be composed of two parts, church support and benevolences. It shall be prepared in all details (the former by the Finance Committee, the latter by the Kingdom Service Committee) and accepted by the consistory before being presented to the congregation. The total amount of the budget shall not be exceeded by the consistory. To secure the necessary funds, an every-member canvass, carefully prepared and directed by the consistory, shall be made annually during the month of November.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Financial officers of all societies including the Sunday School may be bonded.

To be eligible for office in any organization of the congregation, including teacher of the Sunday School, such candidate must be a contributing member of the church.

To be eligible for the office of Elder the candidate shall have been a member of the congregation for at least four years.

To be eligible for the office of Deacon the candidate shall have been a member of the congregation for at least two years.

If the church is used for funerals and weddings of non-members a substantial fee should be required in the constitution, including any charge for organist and janitor.

ROTATION IN OFFICE.

(Some congregations will wish to insert a section which would not permit any officer to hold office indefinitely. The simplest way is to limit to two or three terms.)

(Some congregations will wish to omit certain phrases, such as "keep in proper repair" and "adapted for uses it approves," for in them this prerogative should be vested in the consistory. This is particularly true when the Board of Trustees is a separate organization.)

8. FORM FOR TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

(Record kept by dismissing congregation)

A LETTER OF TRANSFER

Was Granted

to the..... Given at.....
Church of.....

Pastor

Register Number of
Dismissed Member

Baptized children of the above were also dismissed:

NAME
Register
Number
AGE

LETTER OF TRANSFER

This is to Certify that.....

(together with..... baptized children) is a member.
regular standing, of are members, in good and

at..... Church
within the bounds of

..... Synod.

At..... own request..... is
self are now dismissed for the purpose of con-
necting..... selves with..... Evangelical and Reformed Church

at..... to whose Christian fellowship
and confidence..... is
are hereby affectionately recommended; and when

..... shall be received by it..... relation to this...
congregation shall cease. Official notice of this reception shall be given to
this Spiritual Council.

By order of the Spiritual Council.

Date.....

Signed.....

(Valid for one year from date, if signed by the pastor or secretary of the Spiritual Council)

The following baptized children of the above are also dismissed:

NAME
Register Number
DATE OF BIRTH
DATE OF BAPTISM

(Notification of reception)

Date.....19.....

This is to Certify that.....

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on Certificate of Dismission from the.....

of.....congregation.

dated.....19.....

Date.....

Signed.....

(Signed by the pastor or the secretary of the Spiritual Council)

Please fill out above and return to

Respectfully submitted,

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Action on the items of the printed Report of the Committee on Constitution and Charter was taken at intervals, during the sessions of the General Synod, as follows:

1. The recommendations, on changes made or yet to be made in the Constitution prior to final printing, were unanimously authorized *on Thursday*.

2. The request that the law of the church be defined in the matter of Marriage and Divorce was, *on Saturday* morning, referred to a proposed Commission on Christian Social Action.

3. Action on the recommendation for the incorporation of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, including the prepared forms was deferred until the next General Synod in 1940.

4. The report to the General Synod on the proposed Division of the Church into Synods was presented *on Friday* afternoon through the Secretary, Dr. William E. Lampe, who reported that 51 Classes and 18 Districts had officially petitioned the General Synod to be established as Subordinate Synods. He then presented the following preamble and the accompanying resolutions, under the heading SYNODS. Each of its three items was considered in order and finally adopted by the General Synod as follows:—

THE SYNODS

Whereas the following 51 Classes and 18 Districts, namely:—East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Tohickon, Goshenhoppen, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Wyoming, Reading, Eastern Hungarian, New York, German Philadelphia, Central Ohio, East Ohio, Northeast Ohio, Northwest Ohio, Southwest Ohio, West Ohio, Lakeside Hungarian, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ursinus, Portland-Oregon, California, Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset, Allegheny, Central Hungarian, West New York, Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, Baltimore-Washington, Fort Wayne, Chicago, Iowa, Lincoln, Indianapolis, Missouri-Kansas, Kentucky, Zion's Hungarian Classes and Atlantic, California, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Illinois, Ohio, Pacific Northwest, Pennsylvania, Southern, Texas, West Missouri, Wisconsin Districts have petitioned the General Synod to be established as subordinate Synods.

Therefore be it resolved that the General Synod hereby establish the following Synods:—

(The figures are from the 1936 statistical tables)

	Congrega- Charges tions Members		
1. NEW YORK SYNOD			
<i>(Includes New England, New York east of Bing- hampton and Syracuse, and New Jersey)</i>			
New York Classis (<i>entire</i>).....	15	15	3,607
Atlantic District (<i>in N. Y.</i>).....	9	11	2,034
Atlantic District (<i>in N. J.</i>).....	8	8	1,556
German Philadelphia Classis (<i>in N. J.</i>).....	3	3	274
	<hr/> 35	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 7,471
2. EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD			
<i>(Includes Pike and Wayne Counties)</i>			
East Pennsylvania Classis (<i>entire</i>).....	33	62	16,187
Goshenhoppen Classis (<i>eastern part, including Wentz's and Schwenkville Charges</i>).....	7	17	4,652
Tohickon Classis (<i>Telford and Indian Creek and the Charges north of Quakertown and Fern- dale</i>)	11	17	3,899
	<hr/> 51	<hr/> 96	<hr/> 24,738

Congrega-
Charges tions Members

3. PHILADELPHIA SYNOD

(Includes Delaware and Chester Counties and the State of Delaware)

Philadelphia Classis (<i>entire</i>)	35	40	11,543
Tohickon Classis (<i>Quakertown and Ferndale and south, except Telford and Indian Creek Charges</i>)	12	19	5,701
German Philadelphia Classis in Pa. (<i>except Hill Church</i>)	11	11	3,635
Goshenhoppen Classis—Pottstown and south....	4	5	1,602
	62	75	22,481

4. READING SYNOD

Reading Classis (<i>entire</i>)	24	33	15,589
Schuylkill Classis (<i>entire</i>)	21	38	8,793
Lebanon Classis (<i>in Berks County</i>)	13	24	6,830
Goshenhoppen Classis (<i>Boyertown, and Oley and Swamp-Amity Charges</i>)	3	8	2,145
East Susquehanna Classis (<i>Hegins Charge</i>)....	1	4	537
	62	107	33,894

5. LEHIGH SYNOD

Lehigh Classis (<i>entire</i>)	33	65	22,437
German Philadelphia Classis in Pa. (<i>Hill Church</i>)	1	1	348
	34	66	22,785

6. SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD

(Includes Bradford and Susquehanna Counties)

Wyoming Classis (<i>except Fayette, N. Y.</i>)	25	42	9,225
East Susquehanna Classis	14	40	7,064
Atlantic District—Scranton (2) and Taylor....	3	3	1,147
	42	85	17,436

7. LANCASTER SYNOD

Lancaster Classis (<i>entire</i>)	34	53	13,704
Lebanon Classis (<i>in Lebanon County</i>)	14	25	6,592
East Susquehanna Classis	4	10	1,854
Atlantic District—Columbia	1	1	171
	53	89	22,321

8. MERCERSBURG SYNOD

Zion's Classis (<i>entire</i>)	18	36	8,732
Gettysburg Classis (<i>entire</i>)	16	33	7,710
Mercersburg Classis (<i>entire</i>)	11	19	3,703
Carlisle Classis (<i>entire</i>)	9	19	2,122
	54	107	22,267

9. CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD

(Includes counties from N. Y. to Md. State lines except those in Pittsburgh Synod)

West Susquehanna Classis (<i>entire</i>)	20	59	6,861
Juniata Classis (<i>entire</i>)	21	45	6,741
Atlantic District—Williamsport	1	1	451
	42	105	14,053

Congrega-
Charges tions Members

10. POTOMAC SYNOD

(Includes Maryland, except Allegany and Garrett Counties, District of Columbia, Virginia and northeast West Virginia)

Maryland Classis (<i>entire</i>)	25	49	8,898
Atlantic District (<i>in Md., except Frostburg</i>)....	14	14	6,678
Baltimore-Washington Classis (<i>entire</i>)	16	16	4,972
Virginia Classis (<i>entire</i>)	15	27	3,024
Atlantic District—Washington and Richmond..	2	3	1,156
	72	109	24,728

11. SOUTHERN SYNOD

(Includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky east of Ohio western boundary line projected south, Tennessee east of Nashville, Georgia and Florida)

North Carolina Classis (<i>entire</i>)	32	56	9,960
Southern District (<i>in Ga. and Fla.</i>)	3	5	373
	35	61	10,333

12. PITTSBURGH SYNOD

(Includes Forest, Washington and Green Counties, Pa., and Allegany and Garrett Counties, Md.)

Westmoreland Classis (<i>entire</i>)	25	36	8,735
Allegheny Classis (<i>entire</i>)	22	25	5,329
Somerset Classis (<i>entire</i>)	15	37	4,616
Pennsylvania District (<i>in Pa.</i>)	9	9	3,733
St. Paul's Classis (<i>entire</i>)	11	17	3,570
Clarion Classis (<i>entire</i>)	13	28	3,474
New York District—Meadville, Pa.....	1	1	299
Atlantic District—Frostburg, Md.	1	1	111
	97	154	29,867

13. WEST NEW YORK SYNOD

(Includes New York State west of Binghamton and Syracuse, and Warren and Erie Counties, Pa.)

New York District (<i>in N. Y.</i>).....	43	54	19,980
West New York Classis (<i>entire</i>)	13	13	4,879
New York District—Erie and Fairview, Pa., and Stevensville, Ont., Canada.....	4	5	1,149
Wyoming Classis—Fayette, N. Y.....	1	1	34
	61	73	26,042

14. NORTHEAST OHIO SYNOD

Northeast Ohio Classis	35	36	13,062
Ohio District	18	21	6,959
East Ohio Classis—Lisbon and Columbiana....	2	2	713
	55	59	20,734

	Charges	Congrega- tions	Members
15. NORTHWEST OHIO SYNOD			
Northwest Ohio Classis	32	38	8,333
Ohio District	19	24	7,595
Central Ohio Classis	17	24	4,627
West Ohio Classis	9	13	3,941
Indiana District—Sidney	1	1	303
	78	100	24,799
16. EAST OHIO SYNOD			
<i>(Eastern boundary is western Maryland line projected south)</i>			
East Ohio Classis <i>(includes Wheeling and Helvetia, W. Va.)</i>	33	53	12,941
Ohio District	14	22	4,402
Pennsylvania District in Ohio <i>(includes Wheeling and New Martinsville, W. Va.)</i>	11	21	3,017
Northeast Ohio Classis	7	11	2,247
	65	107	22,607
17. SOUTHWEST OHIO SYNOD			
Indiana District <i>(includes Alexandria, Bellevue, Covington, Dayton, Ft. Thomas and Newport, Ky.)</i>	30	32	11,251
Southwest Ohio Classis <i>(entire)</i>	33	39	8,767
Ohio District	7	8	4,075
Central Ohio Classis	10	17	2,380
West Ohio Classis	4	11	1,031
Indiana District—Aurora, Batesville, Laurenceburg and Penntown, Ind.	4	4	725
	88	111	28,229
18. MICHIGAN-INDIANA SYNOD			
<i>(Includes Michigan, except the Upper Peninsula, and Indiana north of LaFayette)</i>			
Michigan District <i>(except LaFayette)</i>	67	82	21,217
Ft. Wayne Classis <i>(entire)</i>	21	24	5,075
Northwest Ohio Classis—Bay City, Detroit (3), Elk Rapids and Flint, Mich.	6	6	1,663
	94	112	27,955
19. SOUTH INDIANA SYNOD (LaFayette and South)			
<i>(Includes Kentucky west of Ohio western boundary line projected south, Western Tennessee, and Birmingham, Alabama, and north)</i>			
Indiana District <i>(in Southern Ind. except 4 in Southwest Ohio Synod)</i>	37	46	10,931
Indiana District <i>(in Ky.—except those in Southwest Ohio Synod)</i>	16	16	7,329
Indiana District—Indianapolis (7), Shelbyville (2) and New Palestine	10	10	4,257
Indianapolis Classis <i>(except 2 in South Illinois Synod)</i>	13	17	4,202
Kentucky Classis <i>(entire)</i>	11	15	2,834
Southern District <i>(in Alabama)</i>	2	2	363

	Charges	Congrega- tions	Members
West Ohio Classis—Salamonia, Ind.....	1	4	315
Indiana District—Browns and Carmi, Illinois...	2	2	177
Michigan District—LaFayette	1	1	115
	93	113	30,523
22. NORTH ILLINOIS SYNOD (North of Springfield)			
North Illinois District (<i>entire</i>)	114	123	42,564
Chicago Classis (<i>in Ill.—except Tamms in South Ill. Synod</i>)	12	12	1,863
Chicago Classis—Gary and E. Chicago, Indiana.	2	2	536
Zion's Hungarian Classis—Gary, Indiana.....	1	1	96
	129	138	45,059
24. MISSOURI SYNOD			
(This Synod to choose its own name)			
(Includes Arkansas)			
Missouri District (<i>entire</i>)	91	117	27,026
Missouri-Kansas Classis—St. Louis and Pershing, Mo., and Marvell, Ark.....	3	4	407
	94	121	27,433
25. WEST MISSOURI SYNOD (Jefferson City and West)			
(Includes Kansas and Oklahoma)			
West Missouri District (<i>entire</i>)	29	35	7,380
Kansas District (<i>entire</i>)	35	40	3,670
Missouri-Kansas Classis (<i>except those in Missouri and Rocky Mountain Synods</i>)	14	16	1,970
	78	91	13,020
26. TEXAS SYNOD			
(Includes Southern Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico)			
Texas District (<i>entire</i>)	40	58	9,724
Southern District (<i>Miss. and La.</i>).....	11	12	3,908
	51	70	13,632
27. NORTHERN SYNOD			
Minnesota District (<i>entire</i>)	49	81	10,742
Minnesota Classis (<i>in Minnesota</i>)	5	6	1,000
Minnesota Classis—Alma (3), Fountain City (2), La Crosse and Mormon Coulee, Wis....	5	7	940
	59	94	12,682
28. IOWA SYNOD (Iowa, except Western Part)			
Iowa District (<i>includes Rock Island, Sutter, Tioga and Warsaw, Ill., and Kahoka and Winchester, Mo., but not 13 in Western Iowa</i>)	51	63	10,451
Ursinus Classis (<i>entire</i>)	12	13	2,075
South Illinois District—Quincy (3) and Ursa..	4	4	1,613
Minnesota Classis (<i>in Iowa</i>)	4	5	1,271
Iowa Classis (<i>entire</i>)	12	14	1,221
	83	99	16,631

	Congrega- Charges tions Members		
32. PACIFIC-NORTHWEST SYNOD (Includes Idaho, Washington and Oregon)			
Portland-Oregon Classis (<i>entire</i>)	7	8	923
Pacific Northwest District (<i>entire</i>).....	8	12	909
	15	20	1,832
33. CALIFORNIA SYNOD (Includes Nevada, Arizona, and California)			
California District (<i>entire</i>)	17	17	1,666
California Classis (<i>entire</i>)	7	8	664
	24	25	2,330
Totals.....	1,706	2,424	565,882

Item 2. Resolved that the following 2 Districts, Nebraska and South Illinois, and 5 Classes, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, South Dakota, West Canada and Eureka, which as yet have not petitioned the General Synod to be included in any of the above established Synods, shall be placed in and considered parts of the following prescribed Synods, subject, however, to the approval of such Classes and Districts:—

	Congrega- Charges tions Members		
20. NORTH WISCONSIN SYNOD (Fond du Lac and North) (Includes Michigan Upper Peninsula)			
Wisconsin District (<i>includes Menominee, Mich.</i>)	27	42	9,337
Sheboygan Classis (<i>entire</i>)	35	42	8,489
Minnesota Classis—Rice Lake, Wis.....	1	1	96
	63	85	17,922
21. SOUTH WISCONSIN SYNOD (South of Fond du Lac)			
Wisconsin District	42	55	12,574
Milwaukee Classis (<i>entire</i>)	20	29	6,075
	62	84	18,649
23. SOUTH ILLINOIS SYNOD			
South Illinois District (<i>except Quincy and Ursa</i>)	84	95	19,968
Indianapolis Classis—Olney and Dundas, Ill.....	2	2	226
Chicago Classis—Tamms, Ill.	1	1	94
	87	98	20,288
29. NEBRASKA SYNOD (Includes Western Iowa and most of Nebraska)			
Nebraska District	25	28	4,948
Iowa District (<i>western region</i>).....	11	13	1,672
Nebraska Classis (<i>entire</i>)	8	11	795
Lincoln Classis (<i>entire</i>)	8	8	760
	52	60	8,175
30. DAKOTA SYNOD			
South Dakota Classis (<i>entire</i>)	9	29	2,035
Eureka Classis (<i>entire</i>)	15	38	1,893
West Canada Classis (<i>entire</i>)	7	12	1,051
Canada and Montana Mission Districts—Brown Charge	1	2	124
	32	81	5,103

Congrega-
Charges tions Members

31. ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD

(Includes Western Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah)

Colorado District (<i>entire</i>)	12	14	2,349
Nebraska District—Bayard, Gering, Lyman, Mitchell, Paxton, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and Batesland and Nisland, South Dakota.....	7	8	1,118
Canada and Montana Mission District (<i>except 2 in Canada</i>)	5	7	508
Missouri-Kansas Classis—Denver, Colo.....	1	1	106
	25	30	4,081

34. HUNGARIAN SYNOD

(Those Hungarian congregations which may desire to constitute a Hungarian Synod)

Eastern Hungarian Classis	12	13	1,825
Central Hungarian Classis	13	16	1,133
Lakeside Hungarian Classis	12	15	1,686
Zion's Hungarian Classis (<i>except Gary, Indiana</i>) ..	10	12	1,236
	47	56	5,880

Totals..... 368 494 80,098

Item 3. Resolved that the Hungarian congregations so desiring shall constitute a Hungarian Synod. (By-Laws, Section 55-b.)

Provided, however, that all Classes, Districts and subordinate Synods affected by the foregoing resolutions shall continue their existence to the extent that will be necessary in order to enable them to safeguard, transfer and convey such property and other temporal rights as belong to and are vested in them respectively, as an aid to the united Church.

Resolved that the Synods established shall have such rights, duties and functions as are prescribed for such Synods in the Constitution and By-Laws which have been adopted for the Evangelical and Reformed Church insofar as is consistent with the Plan of Union.

On the question subsequently raised by President Richards—Shall the establishment of the subordinate Synods be deferred until the Constitution is in effect?—it was voted unanimously that they be established now by this General Synod.

The recommendation under NEW SYNODS in the Report of the Executive Committee was accordingly revised to read "that the General Synod establish these Synods; take steps to organize them as soon as possible and that the officers of the Executive Committee (General Council) make the necessary arrangements."

In connection with the preceeding actions, the Committee, through its Secretary, presented the following supplementary Resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD UNTIL THE CONSTITUTION GOES INTO EFFECT

I. Officers

Resolved that the following officers of the General Synod shall be elected and hold office until the next session of the General Synod, in 1940, and until their successors have been chosen and qualified: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall give their whole time to the duties of their respective offices.

All of the above officers shall be possessed of those qualifications defined in Section 81 of the By-Laws adopted for the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and, insofar as may be consistent with the Plan of Union, shall have such rights and duties as are prescribed for such officers in the Constitution and By-Laws which have been adopted for the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Note: The amounts of the salaries to be paid these officers are to be fixed by the General Synod upon the recommendation of a special committee to be appointed by the General Synod.

II. General Council

Resolved that a General Council be constituted, consisting of those chosen as officers, and eight pastors and eight lay members elected by the General Synod. The eight pastors and eight lay members shall be elected from sixteen different Synods.

Insofar as may be consistent with the Plan of Union the General Council shall have such rights and duties as are prescribed for such General Council in the Constitution and By-Laws which have been adopted for the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

III. Boards and Commissions

Administrative Boards as now constituted shall continue as heretofore, until they are merged in accordance with the provisions of the Plan of Union.

Inasmuch as the Plan of Union urges Boards to merge as quickly as possible, therefore be it resolved that where Boards can be merged into a new Board that Board shall be constituted from the present membership of the merging Boards; the members of such merged Boards shall continue in office until the next General Synod and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Resolved that the Commissions named in the Constitution and By-Laws adopted for the Evangelical and Reformed Church be established and that their rights and duties be those defined in the Constitution.

The foregoing Report was considered paragraph by paragraph, and action taken as follows:—

- I. OFFICERS, was adopted and referred to the Committee on Nominations. A *Special Committee* of eleven, to be named by the President of General Synod, on *Salaries*, was authorized to recommend salaries for the proposed officers.
- II. GENERAL COUNCIL, instead of the former Executive Committee, was adopted and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

III. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, with the following supplemental resolution, was adopted and similarly referred:—

Resolved: That the present Boards of Education, Boards of Endowment and Trust Funds, and of Elmhurst College — be continued until the Constitution goes into effect.

5. The proposed plan for the payment of the travelling expenses of all of the Synods as to application and technique was referred to the General Council.

6. On the Value of an Area, the General Synod adopted the Committee's recommendation that no action be taken by this General Synod.

7. The Form for Constitution and By-Laws for a congregation was adopted, with the following supplemental proviso at the close of the second paragraph under PROPERTY,—It is suggested that before adopting this paragraph the law of the State, in which the congregation is situated, be investigated in order to avoid a conflict of law.

8. The Form for Transfer of Membership was adopted with the elimination of "Evangelical and Reformed" preceding "Church" and of the word "peculiar" preceding "relative to this congregation."

9. A request for new forms for the transfer of Ministers, etc., was referred to the General Council.

On Saturday morning a supplemental report from the Committee on Constitution and Charter with reference to Overtures referred to it by the General Synod, was presented by Secretary William E. Lampe, and adopted as follows:—

The overture of the Nebraska District regarding guarantee of rights and privileges of congregations; the overture of East Susquehanna, Gettysburg, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, West Susquehanna, Wyoming and Zion's Classes, and Atlantic, Iowa, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Southern Districts to amend By-Law 105 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; and the overture of the West Ohio Classis that the General Synod reconsider the whole matter of a Placement Committee, with the definite aim of arriving at an effective plan or method in assisting pastors who desire a change, or churches who desire a change, were referred by the General Synod to the Committee on Constitution and Charter. The Committee on Constitution and Charter reports that in view of the fact that the Constitution has been approved but does not go into effect until the next meeting of the General Synod, and in view of the fact that the Constitution cannot be amended at this meeting of the General Synod, it recommends that these matters be referred to the Districts and Classes with the suggestion that they proceed according to Sections 41 and 42 of the Constitution to amend the Constitution or By-Laws.

In response to the request of the New York Classis for a more explicit definition of "a baptized member," the Committee recommends that the General Synod define a baptized member to be a person who has

received the sacrament of baptism but has not yet received the rite of confirmation; the rubric on the Statistical Blanks to read "Baptized but Unconfirmed Members."

The other overtures referred to the Committee on Constitution and Charter were in regard to the merger and have already been taken care of by the resolutions passed in regard to the Constitution and the division of the Church into Synods.

2. On Overtures

a. The Overtures Listed as Items

The Committee on Overtures and Resolutions presented its report on Friday morning. The sixty listed items include all those contained in the "White Book," pages 17-35, and a number of others received too late to be printed in the official booklet.

The items already in print in the "White Book" have been numbered to correspond with the order followed in the Report of the Committee, and all of the 60 now appear as complete information of the contents of the official Report of the Committee which follows, together with the record of action taken by the General Synod on each specified item.

OVERTURES

Item 1 (a)

CONCERNING THE MERGER

1. Atlantic District

Whereas neither the "E" group nor the "R" group has complied with the understanding that all debts of each group should be liquidated before the final consummation of the merger and,

Whereas serious doubts have arisen concerning the status of property and debts under the merger

Be it Resolved:

That the Atlantic District without prejudice to the merger itself overture the General Synod to postpone putting into effect the Constitution and continue to function under the Plan of Union until the financial problems involving property rights and debt payments shall have been solved satisfactorily and invaluable charter rights shall be preserved;

And be it further resolved that the Atlantic District overture the General Synod to charge the Executive Committee with the responsibility of appointing a committee to study the entire financial, property and debt problem, and to report to the next General Synod.

2. California District

Inasmuch as the provisions contained in the Plan of Union of the Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Church in the U. S. have not been fulfilled, especially that of the liquidation of the debts of both groups, the California District insists that the final adoption of the Constitution of the merged church be postponed until such a time when these provisions have been fulfilled. The California District reaffirms its faith in the merger and requests the Evangelical Synod to continue in the merged work as heretofore.

3. Colorado District

The Colorado District deplores action taken by groups and districts regards to delaying consummation of merger of the two Churches and trusts that the General Synod meeting in Columbus, Ohio, will proceed along lines of faith evidenced so far in all negotiations.

4. Indiana District

In view of the failure of both parties of the merger to meet the obligations of debt liquidation as specifically stated in the Plan of Union, and, in the face of possible legal complications which may arise, we demand of the Executive Committee of the General Synod the postponement of the General Synod for two years. In the event the General Synod cannot be postponed, then we earnestly request that the declaration of the adoption of the constitution be postponed until such time that the conditions of the Plan of Union be met and that we continue to function as heretofore.

5. Iowa District

Realizing that neither the Evangelical Synod nor the Reformed Church have met their debt-liquidation requirements, which were to be accomplished prior to the merger, we recommend that both Church bodies be given ample time to liquidate their debts or that at least a sound financial plan shall have been submitted by both groups to retire such obligations before the Constitution and By-laws of the merged Church be accepted and declared effective.

6. Kansas District

The Kansas District wishes to stress its belief that the respective branches of the united Church shall make adequate provision for the payment of their indebtedness before the merger be completed.

7. Michigan District

We, the delegates and pastors of the Michigan District conference reaffirm our faith in the merger procedure of our Church and prayerfully look forward to the full consummation of the Union and the complete enactment of the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at the coming General Synod at Columbus.

8. Minnesota District

The Minnesota District desires that the merger proceedings come to a consummation at the General Synod in June 1938 and trusts that the matter of financial or other difficulties will find their solution to mutual satisfaction.

9. Missouri District

WE, THE MISSOURI DISTRICT, in session at Saint Charles, Missouri, May 3, 4 and 5, 1938, reconsider our approval of the Constitution and By-laws of the United Church, given at the Missouri District Conference held in 1937, at Hermann, Missouri.

WHEREAS, neither the Evangelical Synod of North America, nor the (former) Reformed Church in the United States, have found it possible to liquidate their indebtedness; and,

WHEREAS, the actual merging of the work of a number of the Boards is obviously not possible at this time; and,

WHEREAS, there exists at the present time uncertainty about the exact status of each of the contracting parties, as to financial conditions and other matters:

1. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Missouri District go on record as favoring the postponement of putting into effect the new Constitution and By-laws, for at least two years, and, for this reason

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defers further action in regard thereunto, until the regular meeting of Missouri District two years hence.

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Missouri District petition General Synod to immediately set in motion the necessary machinery for the gathering of all pertinent information with regard to the actual financial standing of the two contracting parties, and, to put forth every effort to liquidate the indebtedness of the various bodies; and, to submit such information to the Districts and Classes at the time of their 1939 Conferences.

3. AND, BE IT RESOLVED, that Missouri District re-affirm its full confidence and faith in the (former) Reformed Church in the United States, its earnest desire to have the merger completely effected as quickly as possible, and its sincere belief that all obstacles can and will be overcome, so that we may work harmoniously and effectively, as a truly United Church, in the very near future.

10. Nebraska District

1. Whereas, the Evangelical Synod of North America succeeded to liquidate its current debts only a little more than fifty per cent, and whereas the Reformed Church in the United States was even less fortunate in the same attempt, and whereas the functioning of the merged Churches undoubtedly would be seriously complicated and impeded by reason of debt conditions not previously met by the respective Churches:

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Nebraska District of the Evangelical Synod of North America, in conference assembled, that it reconsider the resolution heretofore adopted, approving the constitution and by-laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

2. After reconsidering the resolution heretofore adopted, the Nebraska District unanimously "resolved to lay over the resolution of last year, approving the constitution, until the next district conference."

11. New York District

Whereas, the question of liquidation of the debts of the former Evangelical Synod of N. A. and the Reformed Church in the U. S., has caused an effort to be made to postpone the merger,

Be it Resolved: that the New York District approves the effective adoption of the constitution by the General Synod in session at Columbus, Ohio, for the following reasons:

1. Because the postponement of the adoption of the constitution for a period of two years would appear to jeopardize the success of the merger, since on the basis of past experience neither group could liquidate its entire indebtedness, within that time.

2. Because an indefinite postponement "until all debts have been paid" would foredoom the merger immediately since none can envisage the time when either or both groups will be out of debt.

3. Because the proposal to postpone the adoption of the constitution is not in harmony with the spirit of mutual faith and trust in one another, in which the merger was inaugurated and carried forward.

Be it further Resolved: that the New York District affirms its complete confidence in the ability of the leadership of our United Church to find a way in which both the "E" Group and the "R" Group will be able to liquidate the financial obligations of their respective constituencies without injustice or injury to each other.

Be it further Resolved: that the New York District expresses its wholehearted faith in the merger and urges the General Synod to lead the way to an abiding and indivisible union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the fellowship and love of Jesus Christ, the only head of the Church.

12. North Illinois District

The North Illinois District is not unmindful of the wide experience of our esteemed General Treasurer in calling to our attention the matter of the finances of the merged Church, but the District shares the conviction of its president and reaffirms its faith and support for the union of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America, and urges that the new constitution be declared in effect at the General Synod meeting at Columbus in June, believing that through wise planning, unbiased legal counsel, and careful leadership the way will be found for the merged Church to function that will reflect credit and good faith upon all concerned without sacrificing any of the ideals and purposes of the union of both groups, or jeopardizing any of the tangible assets of the now existing denominations.

13. Ohio District

The Ohio District commits itself wholeheartedly to the Evangelical and Reformed Church. We request that the General Synod of 1938 declare the constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church as being in effect, provided that the General Synod comes to the conclusion that the financial problems are not a hindrance.

14. Pacific Northwest District

Whereas questions pertaining to the advisability of consummating the merger of the Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Church have arisen, the Pacific Northwest District holds:

1. That the merger be completed as soon as possible in accordance with the prevailing plans, and
2. That whatever details have not been fulfilled as previously agreed upon, that new agreements be entered into which will fully protect the interests of both Churches.

15. Pennsylvania District

The Pennsylvania District emphatically reiterates its wholehearted approval of the constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; deeply regrets that the recent disturbing circularization of certain Evangelical laymen and pastors with its threatening to undo a four years' venture of implicit faith was not averted; affirms its complete confidence in the ultimate success of the venture and the solution of the indebtedness problems of the "E" as well as the "R" group without any injury to either; and demands such action of the General Synod to be convened at Columbus, Ohio, a month hence as will definitely consummate the merger.

16. Southern District

Resolved: That, The Southern District reaffirms its faith in the Plan of Union, but in view of the fact that both parties of the merger have so far been unable to meet the obligation of the debt liquidation as specifically stated in the Plan of Union and in the face of possible legal complications which may arise, we petition the Executive Committee of the General Synod to postpone the General Synod for two years. In the event the General Synod cannot be postponed, then we demand that the declaration of the adoption of the Constitution be postponed until such time that the conditions of the Plan of Union be met and that we continue to function until then, as heretofore.

17. South Illinois District

Having every confidence that the leaders of the merger have the common interest of both parties in mind and will prove capable of meeting whatever situations arise respecting the financial setup, which will not lay the debts of the one upon the other, therefore be it resolved, that

the South Illinois District goes on record favoring the merger, and the new constitution to go into effect when the respective church agencies shall have adjusted their outstanding obligations. The District wishes the General Synod at Columbus the approbation of the Almighty upon their effort.

18. Texas District

The Texas District is entirely willing that the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church of the U. S. be consummated in Columbus, Ohio, even though neither of the two groups involved has thus far been successful, as per agreement in the Plan of Union, to liquidate all debts, and places full confidence in the action of the General Synod to adjust the financial problems which the impending merger has projected.

19. West Missouri District

Be it resolved by the West Missouri District that the approval heretofore given by the West Missouri District to the adoption of the constitution and by-laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church be reconsidered.

Be it resolved that in withholding, at this time, our approval of said constitution, it is to be understood that the District does approve the ultimate final consummation and completion of the merger of the two denominations as soon as the debts of the two denominations and their respective boards shall have either been paid, or, until at least a reasonably sound financial plan shall have been devised by both groups to retire such obligations in such a manner and such time as shall give assurance that those financial obligations will not hazard or defeat the successful attainment and accomplishment of those noble purposes and high ideals which we all desire to attain and to accomplish through the union.

We understand that the negotiations for the merger of the two denominations were conducted, and we think wisely so, on the theory and with the understanding that these financial obligations would be paid, or that plans and arrangements mentioned would be devised before the completion of the union; that it was then thought that those purposes could be accomplished by now, but they have not been accomplished. Therefore, we are not in accord with the view that a delay in taking the step to finally complete the merger until one or the other of those things can be done, is not in harmony with the spirit that prompted the promotion of the union, nor do we sanction the attitude that because these things could not be done, or have not been done by now, we should either abandon placing our respective houses in financial order preceding the merger or abandon the merger.

We are not in accord with any declarations which either directly or indirectly impugn the motives either of those who agree, or those who disagree with our convictions upon the subject. We recognize that the motives and purposes of all of those concerned is to see and do the will of God in connection with this subject, not to defeat it; to advance the Kingdom of God among men, not to impede it.

20. Wisconsin District

The Wisconsin District, though aware of the fact that many difficulties are still lying in the path of the attempt completely to merge the offices, boards and commissions of the two branches of the united Church, yet urges that the work of the merger be completed and all unnecessary offices be discontinued just as soon as possible; it insists, however, that the constitution and the by-laws of the united Church be not declared in effect until each of the two branches has met the problems of its indebtedness to the satisfaction of our Board of Directors and the leaders

Item 1 (b) MILWAUKEE CLASSIS

A letter issued by a group of laymen of the "E" group of our United Church to their fellow-laymen has been brought to the attention of Milwaukee Classis, in which the said group of laymen express grave concern with regard to certain financial difficulties and dangers that may arise if the new Constitution of the Church is declared adopted at the meeting of the General Synod at Columbus, Ohio. This letter requests all the laymen of the "E" group to consider carefully all the arguments in said letter, and to help in inducing the General Synod to postpone for two years the declaration that the new Constitution is adopted.

Since a number of pastors and elders of Milwaukee Classis also believe that the new Constitution should not be declared adopted until the financial difficulties of both former Churches are cleared up and settled in such a way as may be feasible, and satisfactory to all concerned,

Milwaukee Classis respectfully overtures the General Synod

A. That the declaration of the adoption of the new Constitution be postponed until the meeting of the General Synod in 1940, in order that sufficient time may be afforded for a thorough consideration and discussion of all the financial difficulties that may stand in the way of a real merger of the two Church bodies.

B. That the General Synod appoint a Committee representing both partners in the merger and including a competent lawyer from each group, with instructions to work out a practical plan in accordance with all legal requirements; to submit this plan to all the Classes and Districts of the United Church for constructive criticism; and to report to the General Synod at its meeting in 1940.

Item 1 (c) EUREKA CLASSIS

In 1934 the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America adopted a Plan of Union, in which the following rights were guaranteed the churches, the Classes and the Districts: "The General Synod shall promote the reorganization of Classes and Districts into Conferences which shall be constituted on a territorial basis and shall have the same Status as Clases or Districts. However, the General Synod shall not have the power to unite subordinate judicatories of the consolidated churches except at their request." (Art. V, Sec. 7) And "the congregations, Classes, Synods and Districts shall continue to exist and to do their work in the way it was done prior to the union; they shall also continue to hold and to supervise whatever property they possess and institutions they control." (Art. VIII, Sec. 1)

The Plan of Union was adopted, being approved by the necessary majority of Classes and Districts, and on the basis of this plan a merger was effected. If the plan of Union is not merely a scrap of paper, then the Committee on Constitution was fully bound by it. This committee, however, made radical and unwarranted departures from this Plan of Union. Before any departure from the Plan of Union could be made, it would have been the duty of General Synod to take up the change for reconsideration, and should then again have been submitted to the Classes and Districts for action. The General Synod did not do this.

A Union based upon a federation of confessions is no union at all. It is illogical, indefensible and defeats its true purpose—unity. It is merely an external organization, and as such its existence is unwarranted. And without a definite confession, which in unequivocal terms, pledges its adherents to all the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only rule of faith and practice, it is hardly entitled to be

called a member of the body of Christ. The essential requirements, unity of faith and spirit, are wanting in a federation of confessions.

On June 26, 1934, at Cleveland, Ohio, the General Synod declared that the Plan of Union was legally adopted. But regardless of the specific provisions of the Plan of Union the Committee on Constitution made, and the General Synod sanctioned, violations of the Plan of Union. This is evident from the following:

1. The proposed Constitution of the New Evangelical and Reformed Church nullifies the authority of the Heidelberg Catechism as the *only* standard of the Church by binding the congregations and its members to a number of standards, which, in many respects, are contradictory to each other, as Art. 1 of Part II of the Constitution clearly shows.
2. The Constitution unites subordinate judicatories and eliminates others without their request. (Compare Art. V, Sec. 7 of Plan of Union—"However, the General Synod shall not have power to unite subordinate judicatories of the consolidated churches except at their request". . . with Part V, Item 22 of the Constitution—"The Evangelical and Reformed Church consists of ministers and lay members, organized into congregations which constitute Synods, the Synods, through elected delegates, constitute the General Synod.")
3. The proposed Constitution eliminates Classes and Synods as they now exist, and provides for new divisions contrary to the guaranteed rights provided in the Plan of Union.
4. The proposed Constitution takes the control of institutions away from judicatories controlling them and gives it to the General Synod. (Compare Plan of Union, Art. VIII, Sec. 1 with By-Laws, Administrative Boards, Commissions and Auxiliary Organizations, Art. VI, Item 107).
5. The proposed Constitution has set up a form of government, departing from the historical presbyterial system, customs and uses of the Reformed Church in the United States.

In view of these facts we question the legality of the merger. Two conflicting laws cannot be effective at the same time, neither can several conflicting confessions. In a federation of confessions the seed is planted for factionalism and separation. True unity in a church can exist only upon the basis of a definite Confession. It could easily occur in one and the same congregation or church that the factions would appeal to conflicting confessions, which of the various confessions is to be decisive in the judicatories in questions of doctrinal difference? It ought to be self-evident that it would only lead to further disruption.

Therefore, it is imperative that the Church should have a definite, unequivocal Confession, which pledges its adherents and members to the doctrine of the entire Holy Scriptures, and the Heidelberg Catechism in unmistakable words. It is just in this point that the merged Church has endangered her existence. Whatever is not wholly based upon the doctrine of Christ, has, according to 2 John 9, no God. If the Church is not faithful in the Observance of the Word of God, how can she be faithful in the administration of her government?

Since the merged Church has failed to take a decisive biblical stand in matters of doctrine, now therefore, we, the Eureka Classis, demand that the honorable General Synod reconsider the vote on union and constitution.

Furthermore, since the merged Church, not we, has seceded from its basic principles, we reserve the right to continue to function as heretofore, as the legally constituted Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 1 (d) OHIO SYNOD

The Ohio Synod, assembled in regular annual sessions at Massillon, Ohio, is very solicitous that no unnecessary delay be allowed in the merger of the two branches of our Church, but that General Synod proceed according to plans made. In order that the benefits accruing from the union may be conserved, it earnestly overtures the reverend General Synod to hold steadfastly to the Church's purpose of consummating the union now, in Columbus meeting, in June, 1938.

GUARANTEE OF RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF CONGREGATIONS**Item 2**

Whereas, the intent of the Plan of Union was that there shall be reserved and guaranteed to each congregation the right and privilege to retain the creed, form of worship, freedom of worship, form of government, name, constitution and by-laws that such congregation had prior to the Union, and further that there shall be reserved and guaranteed to each congregation the title, control and use of its property, both real and personal, and

Whereas, at the time the question of the approval of the Plan of Union was submitted to and acted upon by the conference of the Nebraska District of the Evangelical Synod of North America, official representatives of the Plan of Union represented and assured the conference of the Nebraska District that the above rights and privileges would be reserved and guaranteed to each congregation by appropriate provisions to be contained in the constitution and by-laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and

Whereas, the constitution and by-laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church does not reserve and guarantee to the congregations the above rights and privileges, but on the contrary contains provisions which in effect deny such rights and privileges to the congregations, and

Whereas, there is a tendency on the part of the administration of the merged Church to compel each congregation to comply with said provisions of said constitution and by-laws,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Nebraska District of the Evangelical Synod of North America, in conference assembled, that the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, at its conference to be held in Columbus, Ohio, on and during June 22-29, 1938, enact and adopt appropriate legislation which will reserve and guarantee to each congregation the right and privilege to retain the creed, form of worship, freedom of worship, form of government, name, constitution and by-laws that such congregation had prior to the Union, and further reserving and guaranteeing to each congregation the title, control, and use of its property, both real and personal.

UNIFORM MARRIAGE LAWS**Item 3**

New York Classis overtures the General Synod to secure uniform marriage laws.

The Eastern Synod confirms this overture.

STATISTICS**Item 4**

New York Classis requests General Synod to define more explicitly a "baptized member" in order that the members of the Classis may compile more accurately the annual statistical reports.

Item 5

The Eastern Synod confirms this overture.

Zion's Classis overtures the General Synod to include a column for Inactive Members in the Statistical Blanks.

Item 6

Indianapolis Classis overtures the General Synod to print the names and addresses of pastors and secretaries of consistories in its report, and to list all the congregations of each charge together.

Item 7

West Susquehanna Classis requests the General Synod to include Statistical Table C in its printed Minutes.

Item 8

Ohio Synod overtures the General Synod to print the statistics in one book for the whole Church, as in 1937.

OVERTURES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH**Item 9 (A)**

The Association of Schools, Colleges and Seminaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, in annual session in the Hotel Stevens, Chicago, Illinois, January 18, 1938, after very earnest consideration of the serious situation which confronts our institutions of higher Christian Education, because of inadequate support and insufficient endowment, by unanimous vote, begs leave to present to your reverend body the following overtures:

I. Whereas, Christian education has ever been regarded by the Reformed Church as one of the phases of its work for the nurture and development of the Christian life, in obedience to the Lord's command to "go and teach"; and

Whereas, in accord with that recognition, institutions of higher education—academies, colleges and seminaries—have been established, fostered and supported by the Reformed Church, through its district synods, and, on occasion, by its General Synod; and

Whereas, the Evangelical Synod of North America, moved by a similar recognition, has established, fostered and supported institutions of higher education, through its Synod; and

Whereas, according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the district synods are about to be abolished; therefore Be it Resolved:

1. That in the interest of unity and for the furtherance of a common spirit in a common cause, the Association of Schools, Colleges and Theological Seminaries respectfully overtures the General Synod to make provision for the maintenance and support of the educational institutions as institutions of the Church as a whole, and that whenever in case of necessity an apportionment is granted any or all the schools, the total amount be apportioned upon the whole Church, and the receipts therefrom be prorated in accordance with the items composing the budget for higher education.

2. That a period of two years be allowed to elapse on the present basis, to permit the working out of the technical details of approaching this ideal.

II. Recognizing the vital part which Christian Education plays in promoting the work of the Church in all of its phases, the Association of Schools, Colleges and Seminaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church respectfully overtures the General Synod to lay plans for a unit-

ed, church-wide campaign in the near future to provide adequate endowment for the colleges and academies of the Church.

Respectfully submitted by the Association of Schools, Colleges and Seminaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

JOHN A. SCHAEFFER, President	HOWARD R. OMWAKE, Secretary
(Franklin and Marshall College,	(Catawba College,
Lancaster, Pennsylvania)	Salisbury, North Carolina)

Item 9 (B)

At the annual meeting of the Association of Schools, Colleges and Seminaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, held in Washington, D.C., on January 12, 1937, Dr. George W. Richards, President of the General Synod, requested this Association to make recommendations to the General Synod as to the best means of preserving a vital relationship between the Institutions of the Church and the Church itself, and of maintaining and increasing the loyalty to and support of the Institutions, when and after the provisions of the new constitution go into effect. Accordingly, therefore, the Association begs leave to submit for your consideration the following recommendations:

Understanding that property rights of schools and colleges are vested in the trustees (directors, regents) of each institution to be held in trust; and that where title is not now held in trust for any church group, the title to the property must be determined on legal counsel by the institution itself, we recommend

1. That Boards of Trustees shall be so constituted that a majority of each board shall be composed of members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, that in this majority both the ministry and lay membership shall be represented, and where tradition and conditions make it desirable, boards may be self-perpetuating.

2. Terms of office for membership on boards of trustees shall be determined by the boards themselves, and so written into the charters or by-laws.

3. In the interest of continued and increasing cooperation between the institutions and the Evangelical and Reformed Church, this Association heartily approves the establishment of the Commission on Higher Education, as defined in Article III, Sec. 115 of the By-Laws, the Constitution and By-laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, page 113 of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod, 1936.

4. This Association recommends that each institution make an annual report to the Commission on Higher Education, which shall in turn pass these reports on to the local synods according to geographical relationship, and summarize them for report to the General Synod.

5. We anticipate that the Commission on Higher Education will promote a generous support on the part of the Churches to their educational institutions.

6. That the Secretary send a copy of these recommendations to the head of each institution in the Association of Schools, Colleges and Seminaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

7. That the Commission on Higher Education be instructed to arrange for denominational representation on the Council of Church Boards of Education.

Respectfully submitted by the Association of Schools, Colleges and Seminaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

JOHN A. SCHAEFFER, President	HOWARD R. OMWAKE, Secretary
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HEIDELBERG COLLEGE AND THE MISSION HOUSE**Item 10**

That when Ohio Synod as such passes out of existence, she delegate her control of Heidelberg College to the five new Synods into which, roughly speaking, the present Ohio Synod will be divided; namely, Northeast Ohio Synod, East Ohio Synod, Southwest Ohio Synod, Northwest Ohio Synod and Michigan Synod. If possible, the eastern portions of the North Indiana Synod and the South Indiana Synod are to be included in the area also.

Ohio Synod overtures the General Synod to create in the Heidelberg College educational area a College Committee, which shall coordinate the policies of the five Synods in that area as those policies pertain to Heidelberg College; this Committee to be composed in part, if not in whole, of Heidelberg College Committees in each of the five constituent Synods.

Item 11

Ohio Synod overtures the General Synod to continue the present constituency of the Mission House, namely: the Synod of the Northwest, Mid-West Synod, Ohio Synod and the Synod of the East, as the present educational area for support of the Mission House, until such time as the General Synod shall work out a plan of support of this institution.

CATAWBA COLLEGE**Item 12**

In view of the changed conditions growing out of the union between the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America the Trustees of Catawba College at the meeting in February, 1938, appointed a special committee to consider the relationship of the College to the Church. This committee gave earnest and careful consideration to the matter, and at the annual meeting of the Trustees in May presented the following recommendations:

1. That ownership of Catawba College be vested in the Trustees of Catawba College to be held in trust for the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.
2. That on and after July 1, 1940, or as soon thereafter as their election can be provided for, the "Trustees of Catawba College" shall consist of twenty-four members allotted into two classes; the place of those of the first class to be vacated at the expiration of the first biennium; of the second class at the expiration of the second biennium, reckoning from the first day of July, 1940, one-third of such number to be chosen by the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, one-third by the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and one-third by the Trustees of Catawba College.

These recommendations were unanimously adopted by the Trustees and were then submitted to and unanimously approved by the Classis of North Carolina, which met in adjourned session in Salisbury, North Carolina, on May 31, 1938.

In conformity with action taken in connection with the adoption of the aforesaid recommendations the Trustees of Catawba College and the Classis of North Carolina respectfully overture the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to approve and adopt these rec-

ommendations and make provision for the election of Trustees as provided therein.

Respectfully submitted,
The Trustees of Catawba College
Milton Whitener, Secretary
The Classis of North Carolina
J. C. Leonard, Stated Clerk

APPORTIONMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Item 13

Philadelphia Classis, instead of accepting General Synod's Apportionment of \$335.00 for Catawba College, reiterates its opposition to the general principle of laying an apportionment for any college, and overtures General Synod to consider not laying any further apportionment for such a purpose.

STUDENT CONGREGATION AT MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 14

The West Missouri District overtures the General Synod (a) That the Evangelical and Reformed congregations within the State of Missouri be entrusted with the supervision of the Evangelical Student Congregation at Missouri State University; (b) That a Board of Directors for this purpose be constituted in such a way that it will be representative of these congregations and their organizations; and (c) That the Board of Christian Education be recognized as a co-ordinating agency.

TRAVELING EXPENSES OF SYNODS

Item 15

The Minnesota District earnestly requests that the General Synod make provision for the equalization of the traveling expenses of all Synods on a nation-wide basis, including Canada, or to make some other provision so that members who must travel great distances to reach the meetings of Synods can do so on an equitable basis.

OVERLAPPING IN TERMS OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS

Item 16

The Board of Trustees of Elmhurst College requested the Executive Committee of the General Synod to recognize the advisability of providing for an overlapping in the terms of members of Boards chosen by the General Synod, so that at no time will the terms of all of the members of a Board expire. The Executive Committee expressed its approval and calls it to the attention of the General Synod as an overture.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Item 17

West Ohio Classis overtures the General Synod to reconsider the whole matter of a Placement Committee, with the definite aim of arriving at an effective plan or method in assisting pastors who desire a change, or charges who desire a change.

TO AMEND ARTICLE 105 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Item 18

East Susquehanna, Gettysburg, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, West Susquehanna, Wyoming and Zion's Classes, and Atlantic, Iowa, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Southern Districts overture the General Synod to amend By-Law 105 of the

Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, adopted by the General Synod in 1936, to read as follows:

The Board of Pensions and Relief shall consist of twelve members, at least eight of whom shall be ministers and four shall be lay members. Ten of the members of the Board shall be elected by the General Synod and these shall elect the other two, subject to the approval of the General Council.

HYMNAL

Item 19

Indianapolis Classis overtures the General Synod to adopt the new hymnal of the Presbyterian Church as the official hymnal of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

(Similar overtures were sent by several other Classes and one Synod to the Executive Committee, which transmitted them to the Committee on Hymnal, for its information.)

Item 20

The Minnesota District opposes the adoption of hymnals of other denominations and recommends that the Committee on New Hymnal continue its work.

The New York District believes that the work of the New Hymnal Committee should be continued, looking forward to the eventual publication of our own official Hymnal.

With all due respect to the fine work done by other denominations in the field of hymnody, the Atlantic District feels it would be a tragic mistake to give up our own rich heritage in this field, and surrender our function in one of the most important departments of our worship life. The publication of our own hymnal is the only sound procedure, sound even from the economic angle.

Item 21

The Michigan District urges the General Synod to withhold action on the adoption of a hymnal until the New Hymnal Committee of the united Church completes its work.

ACTIONS OF THE SYNODS PARTICIPATING IN THE OWNERSHIP OF CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Item 22

THE MID-WEST SYNOD

1. That our Synod agree to the plan to have the General Synod take over the Central Publishing House.
2. That Synod continue for this year the payment of \$600.00 to the Central Publishing House, to be applied as our share of interest on annuity agreements, proportioned as at present and after the Synods are dissolved, the General Synod assume such payments.
3. That the General Synod assume the bonded indebtedness of the Central Publishing House (which in effect are serial notes amounting to \$49,036.66 as of April 30, 1937).

SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

That your reverend Synod requests the reverend General Synod to take over the Central Publishing House according to the four conditions given page 53 in the Blue Book, however, the right shall be reserved that the interest for annuities shall be paid promptly.

Action of Synod: The report was adopted as a whole with the understanding that the General Synod shall CONTINUE to operate the Central Publishing House and not liquidate the same in favor of Eden Publishing House.

OHIO SYNOD

1. We reiterate a former recommendation that the General Synod take over the Central Publishing House, provided the Synods owning the Central Publishing House agree.

This Synod agrees to this proposed action.

2. We recommend that for the next few years, while the Synods owning Central Publishing House still exist, this Synod continue the payment of its share of interest on annuity agreements proportioned as at present, at 3 cents per member out of the Contingent Fund, and after they are dissolved, the General Synod assume such payments.
3. We recommend that the General Synod assume the bonded indebtedness of the Central Publishing House (which in effect are serial notes amounting to \$49,036.66 as of April 30, 1937).

EASTERN SYNOD

1. That Eastern Synod approve of the transfer of the control and management of the Central Publishing House to the General Synod.
2. That the Synod concur in the recommendation of the Special Committee of Twelve that the General Synod upon assuming the management, assume also the bonded indebtedness of the Central Publishing House.

Petition for Financial Help to Central Publishing House

New York Classis having had a lively interest in the Central Publishing House from its very beginning (which interest is still maintained), is of the opinion that it would be a sad misfortune for our Church to see that bulwark of all German missionary and Sunday-school endeavors go down to defeat and be lost forever by its liquidation. The past history of the Central Publishing House is a clear warrant of its ability to maintain itself financially and be of blessed service to the Reformed Church in the future as in the past, if only the necessary temporary financial assistance be given at this critical time.

We therefore petition the General Synod respectfully and at the same time most urgently to grant such financial help to the Central Publishing House at once, so as to tide it over its difficulties and set it on its feet again, being fully persuaded that this institution shall continue to be of greatest benefit to the Church-at-large for a long time to come, if sufficient interest is manifested now in its maintenance, and the desired help extended.

THE MESSENGER

Item 23

The Board of Publications and the Board of Christian Education respectfully bring to the General Synod the following concurrent overture with regard to the Messenger.

"Whereas, in Article II, paragraph 33 of the Constitution for the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the General Synod's authority over and its responsibility for the Church papers is defined in the following statement:

"The following powers and privileges are reserved to the General Synod:—the supervision of the editing of the Church papers"

And whereas, in Part V B, Article V, paragraph 79 e, of the By-Laws, the above indicated responsibilities are detailed in the following statements:

"The editors of the Church papers shall be elected for a term of six years and shall be eligible for re-election. Should a vacancy occur, the General Council at its next meeting shall fill the vacancy until the next meeting of General Synod."

And whereas, it was the obvious intent of the framers of the Constitution as well as the understanding of Synods, Classes and Districts that have since ratified it, that General Synod shall assume *full* responsibility for the publication of the Church papers,

We respectfully request General Synod to have spread on the Minutes of this session, the following statement of interpretation: Be it hereby recorded that General Synod, with the final adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, interprets those sections referring to *Church papers*, to mean that General Synod shall assume immediate and full responsibility—editorial, publication and financial—for the Church papers of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

On the basis of the experience which these Boards have had with the publication of *The Messenger* during this period of transition, they respectfully suggest that General Synod give earnest consideration to the following joint recommendations—

"Believing that it would be in the interest of efficiency and economy for *The Messenger* to have but one editor, the Board of Publications and the Board of Christian Education hereby recommend to the General Synod the election of but one editor, when it assumes responsibility for the publication of our denominational weekly."

"For similar reasons, these Boards further recommend a consolidation of the *Messenger* editorial offices and a like consolidation of the *Messenger* business offices, as soon as strategically feasible."

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS
THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Concurred in by the Atlantic, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pacific Northwest, Pennsylvania and West Missouri Districts with the addition "that for the sake of economy the editorial and business offices be consolidated and located in St. Louis, Missouri."

Item 24

The Southern District recommends that the publication of *The Messenger* remain the joint financial responsibility of the Board of Publications and the Board of Christian Education. It recommends that the offices be consolidated and located in St. Louis.

MERGER OF CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

Item 25

The Eastern Synod would look with favor upon the merger of *The Outlook of Missions* and *The Messenger* and overtures the General Synod to give consideration to this matter.

Item 26

The Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, at its triennial meeting, adopted the following recommendation: It is imperative to inform our constituency of the developments in our Home and Foreign Mission Fields that the zeal for the building of the Kingdom will be nurtured. This can best be done by a missionary magazine, which

brings the latest information and pictures of these fields. We therefore urge the continuance of our splendid monthly magazine *Outlook of Missions*.

OWNERSHIP OF CAMP SITES

Item 27

The Eastern Synod overtures the General Synod to consider the status of Church-owned Camp sites in our united Church and recommends that, if agreeable to the Evangelical constituency, the ownership and financial responsibility for both Dunkirk and Mensch Mill be assumed by the General Synod and their respective managements be delegated to Boards of Directors chosen from Synods adjacent to the Camps.

DUNKIRK CONFERENCE GROUNDS

Item 28

In the interests of efficiency and economy, the New York District overtures the General Synod, protesting against the type of administration in which ten different Synods are involved, and requests that a plan of administration be adopted similar to that of the Board of Directors of Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary and similar institutions, as provided in the new Constitution and, therefore, recommends the following plan of administration:

The Board of Directors of the Dunkirk Conference Grounds shall consist of twelve members, the General Synod shall elect eight of these, and these eight shall elect the other four, subject to the approval of the General Council. In the election of these members, the section of the Church in which the Dunkirk Conference Grounds are located shall be taken into account, as also the four activities groups, of Sunday Schools, Women's Guilds, Young People, and Brotherhood, which have been and are especially interested in the project.

Item 29

The Pennsylvania District endorses the newly proposed plan for the administration of the Dunkirk Conference Grounds under the merger, and hopes that the financial problem of Dunkirk will disappear through the cooperation of the ten Synods which are to assume the responsibility for its administration.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

Item 30

Juniata Classis urges the General Synod to provide for a Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with such financial resources as will make possible the carrying on of its work in a more adequate way.

The Wisconsin District is of the decided opinion that the Commission on Christian Social Action should be given all possible encouragement by the leadership and membership of the united Church to carry on its very important work.

The Michigan District overtures the General Synod to allow the Commission on Christian Social Action a budget allotment sufficient to meet the problems and projects that fall within its jurisdiction.

It further overtures the General Synod to invest the Commission on Christian Social Action with the responsibility to:

1. Find ways and means to rehabilitate Christian refugees from the concentration camps of Europe.
2. To present to the Synods a plan of pastoral salary equalization for discussion at the 1940 Synodical meetings.

3. To present to the clergy in pamphlet form answers to the questions directed to the commission at the Fort Wayne General Synod dealing with pertinent economic questions.

Ohio Synod overtures the General Synod to set aside finances for the Social Action Commission of General Synod to the amount that is voted by the 1938 session.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND PHILIP

Item 31

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip through its Executive Committee re-submits its overture of two years ago for the consideration of the General Synod on the grounds that the questions submitted were not answered and that as a result of the action taken then the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip finds itself just where it was then, that is "What is its status in the Evangelical and Reformed Church?"

The Overture of Two Years Ago

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip through its Executive Committee overtures your reverend body for a ruling on the following questions:

a. Was the relationship of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip as the official men's organization of the former Reformed Church in the U. S., now the "R" group in the Evangelical and Reformed Church, ever dissolved. If so, when, and may we have a copy of the action taken whereby such dissolution was consummated.

b. If it was never dissolved officially, is not the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip as it still exists in the Milwaukee and Sheboygan Classes an official men's organization of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, with equal rights alongside of any and all other men's organizations of the merged Church?

c. If the relationship of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip was dissolved officially as the men's organization of the former Reformed Church in the U. S., now the "R" group in the Evangelical and Reformed Church—or, if it may not have been officially dissolved and even then does not have recognition as an official men's organization of the merged Church—

WE, the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip as now existing in the Sheboygan and Milwaukee Classes, hereby petition the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to give the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip as it still exists in a flourishing condition, official recognition as a men's organization of the new denomination with equal rights alongside of any and all other official men's organizations of the new denomination.

EQUALIZING MINISTERS' SALARIES

Item 32

The Iowa District recommends that the General Synod appoint a committee with a modest financial appropriation for the studying of equalizing ministers' salaries.

The Nebraska District recommends that the General Synod appoint a committee to study the minister's salary situation, to find ways and means for a juster equalization.

Item 33

The Southern District requests the General Synod to appoint a committee, with a modest financial appropriation at its disposal, to study the

salary situation of our pastors, endeavoring to realize a two-fold objective: A recommended minimum salary and the formation of a voluntary group working toward the equalization of salaries.

PENSION AND RELIEF

Item 34

The Atlantic District petitions the General Synod to make overtures to the United States Social Security Board to make it possible for all employees of the Church, who are not covered by the Pension and Relief System of the Church to be covered by the Government Pension Fund.

A NEW PENSION SYSTEM

Item 35

Goshenhoppen Classis overtures the General Synod to create a pension system similar to those that have been adopted by a number of the larger protestant communions of America, the salient features of which shall be:

1. All ordained ministers, including such as are missionaries, officers of Church boards, teachers in schools under the direct control of our Church, etc., are to be governed by a uniform pension plan.
2. The age at which ministers are to be eligible to a full pension is to be reduced from 70 years to 65 years.
3. There is to be a substantial increase in the amount that the member of the Fund receives when he reaches the age of 65 years, compared to what he is entitled to under the present system.
4. All ministers in the service of the Church are to be members of this Fund, the congregation or other salary-paying organization paying a portion of the dues and the minister his proportionate share.

SPECIAL BENEVOLENT OFFERINGS

Item 36

Westmoreland Classis overtures the General Synod to pass a resolution that no extra benevolent offerings be allowed to any Board or agency included in the Apportionment unless that particular congregation which wishes to make the offering has paid its Apportionment in full. This will stress the Apportionment and help congregations to have a better record in payments on the Apportionment. This is especially important since these extra offerings do not help the Boards in the long run anyway, unless the Apportionment is paid.

CONTINGENT FUNDS AND BENEVOLENT FUNDS

Item 37

Lancaster Classis overtures the General Synod that the present distinction between contingent funds and benevolent funds, as made in the statistical blanks, be discarded, on the ground that from the practical point of view of the congregation both types of funds are not local or current expenditures but part of the expenditure paid out by the local church for the support of the general interests of the denomination.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Item 38

The Synod of the Northwest sends the following overture to the General Synod: Whereas, the idea of Sabbath observance did not originate in the thought or the councils of man, but is rooted and grounded in the springs from the command of God: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," a command given, not for the purpose of restriction,

detrimental to the best interests of man, but for the loving purpose of promoting the physical, mental, and moral welfare of man and preserving for him those "inalienable rights, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" and

Whereas, the beneficent impress of Christianity on our national and community life in past years has richly justified the position of the founders of our Republic relative to Sabbath observance, and

Whereas, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" and the transgressing of the laws of God by a nation, a state, or an individual can lead but in one direction—the incurring of Divine disfavor and final disaster

Therefore be it RESOLVED:

1. That we as a Synod look with disfavor upon any and every attempt through legislation or by any other means to do away with the Lord's Day;
2. That we pledge our moral, and if it be desired our material support to the Lord's Day Alliance or kindred organizations and movements for the preservation or restoration of the Lord's Day;
3. That we urge our pastors to stress from the pulpit and in the training of our youth the profound significance of this sacred institution;
4. That we overture the General Synod of our united Church to take action similar to the above.

COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE

Item 39

The Eastern Synod overtures the General Synod to consider the advisability of establishing a Commission on World Peace, in addition to the present Commission on Christian Social Action, for the same practical reasons which moved Eastern Synod to establish the Committee on Peace Education and Action in addition to the Committee on Social Service.

EXEMPTION FROM MILITARY SERVICE

Item 40

East Pennsylvania Classis overtures the General Synod to make a deliverance on the question of Exemption from Military Service for members of our denomination on the basis of conscientious objections.

RELIGIOUS HOUR ON THE RADIO

Item 41

Indianapolis Classis recommends that the General Synod consider a religious hour on the radio similar to the Lutheran hour. Such a program would probably finance itself through voluntary contributions.

THE RURAL CHURCH

Item 42

West Susquehanna Classis respectfully overtures the General Synod to arrange to include in its program and organization the needs and work of the Rural Church—either by the creation of a separate commission or by definite instruction to some existent commission to serve the need and promote the work of the rural church throughout the denomination.

THE WORK AT LYTTON-AI

Item 43

Ohio Synod, upon request of its Commission on Rural Work, overtures the General Synod to take over the Lytton-Ai work.

SYNODICAL INSURANCE**Item 44**

The Pennsylvania District recommends to the General Synod that Synodical Insurance be limited to church property and the property of its ministers and its ministers' widows. We recommend to the General Synod that substantial uniform record books be furnished all district representatives of the Insurance Association.

REFERENCE**Item 45**

"R" constitution, Arts. 157-160

The Northwest Synod refers to the General Synod its troubles with the Nebraska Classis regarding Immanuel Church at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Item 46

Nebraska Classis refers to the General Synod for decision the actions of the Classis and of the Northwest Synod regarding the "opposition" congregation at Sutton, Nebraska.

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA**Item 47**

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council has instructed me to call these facts to the attention of all member denominations and to transmit the suggestion that they consider the appointment of Standing Committees or *Commissions on unity* in case they have not already done so.

In the case of those denominations which already have such an organ, it is suggested that some may care to consider whether its functions are sufficiently well defined to enable it to participate adequately in the developing ecumenical movement as affecting both the American Churches themselves and their relationships within the whole Church.

The next Biennial Meeting of the Council will be held in Buffalo, N. Y., December 6-9, 1938. This meeting will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the creation of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

In accordance with the constitution of the Federal Council, the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is entitled to appoint six members (and, if desired, six alternates) to represent it upon the Council and to attend the coming Biennial Meeting. These representatives may be either clerical or lay, men or women. Perhaps I may call especial attention to the fact that women are eligible, since this is not always clearly understood.

SAMUEL MCCREA CAVERT, *Gen'l Secretary.*

DENOMINATIONAL SUPPORT FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**Item 48**

The Ohio District requests the General Synod that, when the merger is consummated, provisions be made to include in the regular appeal for denominational support an item for "Educational Institutions." This would make it possible to have Elmhurst College and such institutions of the "R" group as have no adequate endowment to continue to function with the support of the whole denomination.

The Michigan District requests the General Synod to provide in the budget ample financial support so that Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary can continue at all times their high academic standards.

ALLOTMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**Item 49**

The Minnesota District asks that a larger portion of the denomination's budget be allotted to the work of Christian Education, because this alone can form the basis for the future of our Church.

AID FOR GERMAN MINISTERS**Item 50**

The New York District overtures the General Synod to set up a special committee with responsibility and power to act to aid such ministers as, under present conditions, are denied the opportunity to preach the Gospel in Germany.

HUNGARIAN PROFESSORSHIP**Item 51**

The Eastern Hungarian Classis respectfully requests the Home Mission Board of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to re-establish the Hungarian Professorship in Franklin and Marshall College, and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., or in any suitable institution in order that the pastoral supply for the Hungarian congregations may be continued in accord with the Agreement of Tiffin, Ohio. (Ib. p. 10; item 8.)

Rev. Victor Racz, Stated Clerk

Item 52

Recognition of Fraternal Delegate from the American Waldensian Society requested.

WORLD PEACE**Item 53**

The 217 students and 22 faculty members of the Dunkirk L. T. S., Dunkirk, New York, hereby request the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to take the following actions in the interest of World Peace:

1. Go on record as being opposed to the military training at our denominational colleges (referring to Massanutten Academy).
2. Refuse to subsidize chaplains of the United States Army or Navy.
3. Go on record as against compulsory military training in state and land-grant colleges.
4. Take definite official action supporting conscientious objectors of our denomination.

Rev. G. H. Gebhardt
Lucille Wissolik
Robert Phillips

COMMITTEE

Item 54

From the Board of International Missions with reference to the work at Akpafu, West Africa. For complete Overture see Report of the Board.

Items 55 and 56

Documents not returned to the Stated Clerk.

Item 57

See the President's Report on the State of the Church, Art. VI:1.

ON MEMBERSHIP IN THE LUTHERAN WORLD CONVENTION**Item 58**

The General Council of the Evangelical Synod of North America, in session at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri, September 8 and 9, 1937, hearing with interest and pleasure of the very fine sessions at Montreal, Canada, of the "Alliance of the Reformed Churches, holding the Presbyterian System," in which sessions representatives of our Church participated, and guided by the very spirit that brought about the union of the two branches of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, petitions the General Synod, meeting at Columbus, Ohio, to seek contact with and membership in the "Lutheran World Convention." (In 1937 meeting of General Council at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., Sept. 8 and 9, 1937.)

Since this resolution of the General Council overtures the General Synod to seek membership in The Lutheran World Convention, I believe the Executive Committee of the United Church has over-stepped its authority when it refuses to bring this resolution of the General Council to the attention of the General Synod. If the General Synod is of the opinion that the Lutheran World Convention should extend an invitation to the Evangelical and Reformed Church for membership in the Lutheran World Convention, that is the General Synod's right—but it is, in my humble opinion, definitely outside the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of the United Church.

Theodore Louis Trost, Librarian

OVERTURES ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF

by

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

and

The Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of N. A.

Item 59

To the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of North America hereby severally and jointly request the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to adopt the following overtures:

1. That the General Synod shall arrange the nomination and election of the initial members of the Board of Pensions and Relief in such a way that the members of the said Board shall consist of members of the present Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and of members of the present Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod in equal numbers respectively.
2. That the General Synod shall add to the form of a "Call of a Minister" by a congregation or Charge the following promise: "And we agree to pay monthly, in advance, to the Board of Pensions and Relief, a sum equivalent to 5% of his said annual salary."
3. That the General Synod shall allocate to the Board of Pensions and Relief the month of October of each year for the period of special promotion of the work of Ministerial Pensions and Relief.
4. That the General Synod shall request the Board of Pensions and Relief to study carefully the subject of social insurance for lay workers of the Church and the establishment of a Pension Fund by the Church

for lay workers, who are not eligible for benefits from the Federal Social Security Act.

5. That the General Synod shall allocate the general management of Pastors' Homes, located at Blue Springs, Missouri, and at Bensenville, Illinois, to the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

6. That the General Synod each year shall provide sufficient money to maintain the Pastors' Homes, located at Blue Springs, Missouri, and at Bensenville, Illinois.

7. That all the expenses of the Committee on Correlation and Promotion of the General Synod shall be included in the administration budget of the General Synod.

8. Overture on

PROPOSED CHARTER OF THE BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF

OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of North America hereby severally and jointly overture the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to adopt the following form of a Charter for the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which has been approved by the Committee on Charters of the General Synod.

In Re:

Incorporation of	:	C. P. No.....
BOARD OF PENSIONS AND :		
RELIEF OF THE EVAN-	: Term, 1938
GELICAL AND REFORMED :		
CHURCH	:	No.....

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE SAID COURT:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Non-profit Corporation Law of May 5, 1933, P. L. 289, the undersigned, _____ of whom are residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and all of whom are citizens of the United States, having associated themselves together for the purposes herein specified, and desiring to form a non-profit corporation to carry out the said purposes, do hereby certify that:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH.

SECOND: The board of directors of the corporation shall be elected by the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in accordance with its charter, constitution, and by-laws.

THIRD: The location and Post Office Address of its initial registered office in this Commonwealth is Schaff Building, No. 1505 Race Street, in the City and County of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FOURTH: The purposes for which the corporation is formed are:

(1) To administer and promote the work of pensions and relief in the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

(2) To administer any pension funds, relief funds, and other funds, which will be entrusted to the corporation by the General Synod

of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, or with its consent will be given to the corporation for the purposes stated in Section (1) above, under the terms and conditions of each fund.

(3) To administer, maintain and manage the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the United States as an integral Fund, and to pay benefits from the Sustentation Fund to those holding Certificates of Membership in the Sustentation Fund, from payments, donations, and gifts heretofore and hereafter made to the Sustentation Fund, and from interest and income therefrom arising, in order to provide and pay pensions to those, who, under the rules, terms and conditions of the Sustentation Fund, shall be entitled thereto; and to provide additional benefit payments, as practicable, for members of the Sustentation Fund from donations and gifts other than the donations and gifts made directly to the Sustentation Fund.

(4) To administer, maintain and manage the Pension and Relief Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America as an integral Fund, and to pay benefits from the Pension and Relief Fund to those holding Certificates of Membership in the Pension and Relief Fund, from payments, donations, and gifts heretofore and hereafter made to the Pension and Relief Fund, and from interest and income therefrom arising, in order to provide and pay pensions to those, who, under the rules, terms and conditions of the Pension and Relief Fund, shall be entitled thereto; and to provide additional benefit payments, as practicable, for members of the Pension and Relief Fund from donations and gifts other than the donations and gifts made directly to the Pension and Relief Fund.

(5) To make relief grants to needy ordained ministers and to needy widows of ordained ministers of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, under rules adopted by the corporation.

FIFTH: The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

SIXTH: The members of the corporation are its board of directors.

SEVENTH: The names and addresses of the first members of the board of directors of the corporation and their terms of office are:

NAME	ADDRESS	TERM OF OFFICE
(Here will be inserted the names, addresses, and terms of office of the twelve members of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church)		

EIGHTH: The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
(Here will be inserted the names and addresses of the incorporators)	

NINTH: The corporation is to be organized upon a non-stock basis.

TENTH: The corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, to its members.

ELEVENTH: The terms and conditions, under which the corporation shall administer the real and personal property, heretofore in the possession of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States, and heretofore in the possession of the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of North America, and of other organizations of the Evangelical Synod of North America, are:

SUSTENTATION AND RELIEF DEPARTMENT

(1) All property, which heretofore was in the possession of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States, shall be maintained and managed by the corporation as one department, which shall be known as the Sustentation and Relief Department of the corporation.

(2) The present assets of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the United States, and all moneys hereafter collected from subscribers to and beneficiaries of the said Sustentation Fund, and all donations, gifts, and payments hereafter made to the said Sustentation Fund, shall be deposited in the reserves of the said Sustentation Fund, out of which reserves the corporation shall pay benefits to the members of the said Sustentation Fund, and to their widows and minor orphan children, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said Sustentation Fund, until the liabilities and obligations of all outstanding Certificates of Membership in the said Sustentation Fund shall have been satisfied; after which the residue of the moneys and property, personal and real, of the said Sustentation Fund shall become the moneys and property of the corporation.

(3) The moneys and property, personal and real, heretofore contributed for the relief of ministers and widows of ministers by the Reformed Church in the United States, shall constitute a separate reserve of the Sustentation and Relief Department of the corporation, which the corporation shall administer for the relief and support of the needy, aged, and disabled ordained ministers and of the needy widows of ordained ministers, who were members of the Reformed Church in the United States. Any residue of the said Relief Department, which will not have been needed and used for the relief and support of the needy, aged, and disabled ordained ministers and of the needy widows of ordained ministers, who were members of the Reformed Church in the United States, and all other moneys and property, personal and real, which hereafter will be received by the corporation in the name of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States, shall be credited to and shall become an integral part of the Sustentation Fund of the corporation, which formerly was the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the United States.

PENSION AND RELIEF DEPARTMENT

(4) All property, which heretofore was in the possession of the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of North America, and all property (except the Pastors' Homes located at Blue Springs, Missouri, and at Bensenville, Illinois), which heretofore was held and managed for the said Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of North America, by the Board of Endowment and Trust Funds of the Evangelical Synod of North America, and by the Church Extension Board of the Evangelical Synod of North America, and by any other organization or corporation, shall be merged by the corporation into one department, which shall be known as the Pension and Relief Department of the corporation.

(5) The Endowment Fund of the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of North America shall be maintained and managed as an Endowment Fund in accordance with its terms and conditions.

(6) The present assets of the Pension and Relief Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America, and all moneys hereafter collected from subscribers to and beneficiaries of the said Pension and Relief Fund, and all donations, gifts, and payments hereafter made to the said Pension and Relief Fund, shall be administered by the corporation for

the members of the said Pension and Relief Fund, and for their wives and minor orphan children, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said Pension and Relief Fund, until the liabilities and obligations of all outstanding Certificates of Membership in the said Pension and Relief Fund shall have been satisfied; after which the residue of the moneys and property, personal and real, of the said Pension and Relief Fund shall become the moneys and property of the corporation.

TWELFTH: The moneys for relief, which hereafter will be contributed or given to the corporation, shall be administered by the corporation for the relief and support of aged and disabled ordained ministers and widows of ordained ministers of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

THIRTEENTH: The assets, which the corporation will have to start its corporate functions, amount to at least \$, of which \$ will be real estate and \$ will be personal property.

FOURTEENTH: The Evangelical and Reformed Church, wherever referred to herein, shall mean not only the unincorporated religious society now existing under that name, but also the corporation which may be formed through its incorporation.

FIFTEENTH: The meetings of the board of directors may be held outside of the state of Pennsylvania.

SIXTEENTH: The board of directors of the corporation shall have power and authority to make such by-laws and regulations and to adopt such forms for its government and the proper transaction of its business, as it may deem necessary, right, and proper, and as are not contrary to the laws of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and of the laws, rules, and tenets of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The board of directors of the corporation also shall have power and authority to alter and repeal such by-laws, regulations, and forms.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
 COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA } ss

Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth and County aforesaid, personally appeared the above named

, and
 three of the incorporators of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, who, in due form of law, acknowledged the foregoing to be their act and deed, and the act and deed of their associates, for the purposes therein specified, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this _____ day of _____, A.D., 1938.

In Re:

Incorporation of : C. P. No. _____
 BOARD OF PENSIONS AND :
 RELIEF OF THE EVAN- : _____ Term, 1938
 GELICAL AND REFORMED :
 CHURCH : No. _____

DECREE

AND NOW, this day of , 1938, the Articles of Incorporation of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church having been presented to the Court, with due proof of advertisement of notice of the application and the certificate of the Department of State pertaining to the registration of the corporate name and upon consideration thereof, the Articles are found to be in proper form and within the provisions of the Act of May 5, 1933, known as the "Non-profit Corporation Law," and the purposes appearing to be lawful and not injurious to the community, it is ordered and Decreed that the Articles be and they are hereby approved, and that, upon the recording thereof and this order, the Corporation shall come into existence for the purposes and upon the terms stated therein.
By the Court

9. Overtures on

PROPOSED CHURCH PENSION FUND OF THE EVANGELICAL
AND REFORMED CHURCH

To the General Synod
of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church has been approved almost unanimously by the Classes and Districts of the Church and will be adopted by the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in June, 1938; and

WHEREAS the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of North America each desires to co-ordinate and consolidate its work under the new Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which will be elected by the General Synod:

THEREFORE the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of North America hereby severally and jointly request the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to adopt the following six overtures, in order to save at least two years of time in the co-ordination and consolidation of the work of the said two Boards, which overtures of the said two Boards, as adopted by the General Synod, shall be put into operation by the new Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church "as rapidly as the laws of the State, the Charters, Constitutions, and property rights of the said respective Boards will permit"; in accordance with "the Plan of Union of the Reformed Church in the U. S. and the Evangelical Synod of North America."

OVERTURE ONE

CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE FUND

Whereas in "Part III., Article 1, Ministers" of the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, it is enacted that "He" (a minister) "shall be a member of the Church Pension Fund"; therefore the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod severally and jointly overture the General Synod to adopt the following:

Section 1. The Evangelical and Reformed Church shall have a Pension Fund, as enacted in the Constitution and By-laws of the Evan-

gelical and Reformed Church, which shall be known as the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Section 2. Each minister of the Church, who is eligible, shall be a member of the Church Pension Fund as long as he is a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Section 3. Each member of the Church Pension Fund shall make his required contributions to the Fund; and each congregation or other salary-paying organization, which a member of the Fund serves, also shall make its required contributions to the Fund.

OVERTURE TWO

THREE DEPARTMENTS OF THE FUND

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod severally and jointly overture the General Synod to adopt the following:

That the constitutional Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall consist of three departments, as follows:

Section 1. Pension and Relief Department.

Section 2. Sustentation and Relief Department.

Section 3. Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund.

OVERTURE THREE

BENEFITS AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE FUND

Whereas each minister of the Church, who is in active service, shall be a regular paying member of the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; therefore the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod severally and jointly overture the General Synod to adopt the following:

Section 1. Every minister of the Church, who complies with all of the conditions of the department of the Church Pension Fund, of which he is a member, shall be entitled to all of the rights, privileges, and benefits of such department. He and his widow also shall be entitled to receive additional benefit payments from the Board of Pensions and Relief, as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. If a minister of the Church, while in active service, has not become a member of one of the three departments of the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Board of Pensions and Relief shall not be obligated to grant or give him, nor his widow, nor his minor orphan children financial aid of any kind.

Section 3. The new Board of Pensions and Relief shall report annually to the District Synods and biennially to the General Synod, such ministers of the Church, who are eligible for membership in but who are not members of the Church Pension Fund.

OVERTURE FOUR

PENSION AND RELIEF DEPARTMENT

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod severally and jointly overture the General Synod to adopt the following Articles relative to the Pension and Relief Department of the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which Department shall consist of the Pension and Relief Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

ARTICLE I

All of the income received from the Endowment Fund of the Pension and Relief Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America, and all of the other present and future assets of the said Pension and Relief Fund, except the principal of the said Endowment Fund, belong to the members of the said Pension and Relief Fund, out of which assets the new Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall pay benefits, or annuities, only to the members of the said Pension and Relief Fund, to their widows, and to their orphan children, under sixteen years of age, in accordance with the constitution, by-laws, terms and conditions of the said Pension and Relief Fund. Therefore the Pension and Relief Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America shall be maintained and managed as a separate and distinct Fund, independent of all other Funds. The Pension and Relief Fund of the Evangelical Synod shall pay its proportionate share of the administration expenses of the Church Pension Fund.

ARTICLE II

The Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America shall be closed to new members as soon as a new Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which shall be known as the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, has been established by the General Synod, and has been put into operation by the new Board of Pensions and Relief.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. As soon as the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund has been established by the General Synod and has been put into operation by the new Board of Pensions and Relief, each contributing member of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America also shall be given a Certificate of Membership in the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund by the new Board of Pensions and Relief. The benefits of a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, however, shall depend upon the amount of money paid by him and for him into the Fund, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Fund.

Section 2. Each contributing member of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America, who has not become a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund; each delinquent member of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America; and each delinquent member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, who also is a member of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America; if in need, shall receive such benefits from the apportionment, or budget, of the Church as the new Board of Pensions and Relief may voluntarily decide to give him, his widow, or his minor orphan children, under sixteen years of age.

ARTICLE IV

Each member of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America shall continue to be a member of the said Pension Fund as long as he is a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and he shall pay the amount of his own dues into the said Pension Fund regularly until he is entitled to receive benefits from the said Pension Fund.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. In case the dues of a member of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America are less than 3% of his annual salary, his dues shall be increased to 3% of his annual salary, out of the payments of which the amount of his annual Evangelical Synod Pension

Fund dues shall be allocated to the Pension and Relief Department of the Church Pension Fund, and the remainder of the 3% of his annual salary payments shall be allocated to the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, and applied in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund.

Section 2. All payments made by a member into the Pension and Relief Department of the Church Pension Fund and into the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund shall be credited toward the payment of his own benefits.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. Each beneficiary of the Pension and Relief Department of the Church Pension Fund; each contributing member of the said Pension and Relief Department, when he becomes a beneficiary of the said Department; and each widow and minor orphan child of a member of the said Department; shall receive his or her benefits from the said Department. The regular specified benefits of each such beneficiary of the Pension and Relief Department of the Church Pension Fund shall be increased by means of the apportionment, or budget, receipts of the new Board of Pensions and Relief from the Church, with the view of maintaining, and if possible increasing the schedule of benefits equivalent to the 1938-1939 schedule of benefits paid by the said Pension and Relief Department.

Section 2. Each member of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America, upon retirement at or after the age of 65, shall be entitled to receive his said benefits from the said Pension Fund. Retirement shall mean the giving up of all regular work in the Church, and the cessation of all salaried relationship to the Church, for which over \$700. a year is received.

Section 3. A member of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America, who has reached the age of 65, but is still in active service, and is receiving a salary of \$700. a year, or less, shall be entitled to benefits from the Fund on a percentage basis, as follows:

With an annual salary of from \$601. to \$700. to 20% of his benefits.

With an annual salary of from \$501. to \$600. to 40% of his benefits.

With an annual salary of from \$401. to \$500. to 60% of his benefits.

With an annual salary of from \$301. to \$400. to 80% of his benefits.

With an annual salary of not over \$300. to 100% of his benefits.

ARTICLE VII

The Endowment Fund of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America shall be continued as an Endowment Fund, and only the income derived therefrom shall be used to pay benefits to the members of the Pension and Relief Department of the Church Pension Fund and to their widows and minor orphan children, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

OVERTURE FIVE

SUSTENTATION AND RELIEF DEPARTMENT

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod severally and jointly overture the General Synod to adopt the following Articles relative to the Sustentation and Relief Department of the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which Department shall consist of: (1) The Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S., and (2) The Relief Department of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

ARTICLE I

All of the present and future assets of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S. belong to the members of the Sustentation Fund, out of which assets the new Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall pay benefits, or annuities, only to the members of the Sustentation Fund, and to their widows, or to their orphan children under eighteen years of age, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said Sustentation Fund. Therefore the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S. shall be maintained and managed as a separate and distinct Fund, independent of all other Funds. The Sustentation Fund shall pay its proportionate share of the administration expenses of the Church Pension Fund.

ARTICLE II

The Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S. shall be closed to new members as soon as a new Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which shall be known as the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, has been established by the General Synod and has been put into operation by the new Board of Pensions and Relief.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. As soon as the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund has been established by the General Synod and has been put into operation by the new Board of Pensions and Relief, each contributing member of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S. also shall be given a Certificate of Membership in the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund by the new Board of Pensions and Relief. The benefits of a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, however, shall depend upon the amount of money paid by him and for him into the Fund, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Fund.

Section 2. Each contributing member of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S., who also is a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, and who has paid his Sustentation Fund dues regularly and also has complied with all of the terms and conditions of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, shall be eligible also to receive benefits from the apportionment, or budget, of the Church.

Section 3. Each contributing member of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S., who has not become a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund; each delinquent member of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S.; and each delinquent member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, who also is a member of the Sustentation Fund; if in need, shall receive such benefits from the apportionment, or budget, of the Church as the new Board of Pensions and Relief may voluntarily decide to give him, his widow, or his minor orphan children, under eighteen years of age.

ARTICLE IV

Each member of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S. shall continue to be a member of the Sustentation Fund as long as he is a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and he shall pay the amount of his own dues into the Sustentation Fund regularly until he is entitled to receive benefits from the Sustentation Fund.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. In case the dues of a member of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S. are less than 3% of his annual salary, his dues shall be increased to 3% of his annual salary, out of the

payments of which the amount of his annual Sustentation Fund dues shall be allocated to the Sustentation Fund, and the remainder of the 3% of his annual salary payments shall be allocated to the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, and shall be applied in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund.

Section 2. All payments made by a member into the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S. and into the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund shall be credited toward the payment of his own benefits.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. Each beneficiary of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S.; each contributing member of the Sustentation Fund, when he becomes a beneficiary of the Sustentation Fund; and each widow or minor orphan child of a member of the Sustentation Fund; shall receive his or her actuarially and equitably computed benefits of the Sustentation Fund. The regular specified benefits of each beneficiary of the Sustentation Fund shall be increased by means of the apportionment, or budget, receipts of the new Board of Pensions and Relief from the Church to the equivalent of the comparable benefits paid to the individual beneficiaries of the Pension and Relief Department of the Church Pension Fund. Efforts, moreover, shall be made by the new Board of Pensions and Relief to further increase the benefits of each beneficiary of the Sustentation Fund.

Section 2. Each member of the Sustentation Fund, upon retirement at or after the age of 65, shall be entitled to receive his actuarially computed benefits from the Sustentation Fund at the time of his retirement before the age of 70. Retirement shall mean the giving up of all regular work in the Church and the cessation of all salaried relationship to the Church, for which \$700. a year is received.

Section 3. A member of the Sustentation Fund, who has reached the age of 65, but is still in active service and is receiving a salary of \$700. a year, or less, shall be entitled to benefits from the Fund, together with the additional benefits from the apportionment, or budget, receipts, as provided in Section 1, above, on a percentage basis until he becomes 70 years of age, as follows:

With an annual salary of from \$601. to \$700. to 20% of his total benefits.

With an annual salary of from \$501. to \$600. to 40% of his total benefits.

With an annual salary of from \$401. to \$500. to 60% of his total benefits.

With an annual salary of from \$301. to \$400. to 80% of his total benefits.

With an annual salary of not over \$300. to 100% of his total benefits.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. Any money, that heretofore has been paid and that hereafter will be paid into the Additional Benefit Reserve of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S. for the purpose of increasing the benefits of an individual member of the Sustentation Fund, and of his widow or his minor orphan children, shall be credited to the account of that individual member of the Sustentation Fund.

Section 2. All of the money paid into the Additional Benefit Reserve of the Sustentation Fund, in accordance with Section 1 above, together with the accumulations thereon, shall be used only to pay benefits beyond the regular specified benefits of the Sustentation Fund to

that individual member of the Sustentation Fund and to his widow or his minor orphan children, for whom the money was paid to increase their benefits.

ARTICLE VIII

The Members' Reserve, the Church's Reserve, the Additional Benefit Reserve, and the Annuity Bond Account of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S. each shall be maintained and managed as a separate and distinct account, independent of all other accounts.

ARTICLE IX

The money and property, heretofore contributed for the relief of ministers and widows of ministers of the Reformed Church Group, shall be administered for the relief and support of the needy, aged, and disabled ordained ministers, and the needy widows of ordained ministers of the Reformed Church Group.

ARTICLE X

The annuities of the Relief annuitants of the Reformed Church Group shall be maintained at their 1938-1939 annuities by means of the apportionment, or budget, receipts of the new Board of Pensions and Relief from the Church. Efforts, moreover, shall be made by the new Board of Pensions and Relief to increase the annuities of the Relief annuitants of the Reformed Church Group beyond their 1938-1939 annuities.

OVERTURE SIX

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT ANNUITY FUND

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod, in order that the work of pensions in the Church may be more fully unified, and that eventually there may be but one Department of the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, severally and jointly overture the General Synod to authorize the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to establish and operate a Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund as the third Department of the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, on the following terms and conditions.

ARTICLE I

Membership

Each ordained minister of the Church, who is eligible for membership in the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, under the by-laws of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, shall be a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund as long as he is a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

ARTICLE II

Members' Payments

Each member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund shall pay the equivalent of 3% of his annual salary into the Fund in monthly payments, or in such other manner as may be mutually agreed in cases of special salary arrangements, except as specified in the case of members of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of North America, and of members of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

ARTICLE III

Application of Members' Payments

Each member's payments and the accumulations thereon shall be applied towards providing an age or disability annuity for a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund upon retirement, based upon the table of rates then in use by the Board of Pensions and Relief for such purposes, provided that 60% of such annuity shall be continued to the widow of the member, if any, on the joint life and survivor basis, if their marriage took place before the member entered upon such age or disability retirement annuity; or such payments and the accumulations thereon shall be applied for other specified benefits, all as hereinafter set forth. Retirement shall mean the giving up of all regular work in the Church and the cessation of all salaried relationship to the Church, for which over \$700. a year is received.

ARTICLE IV

Organizations' Payments

The organization, paying the member's salary, shall pay the equivalent of 5% of the member's annual salary into the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund in monthly payments, or in such other manner as may be mutually agreed in cases of special salary arrangements.

Note: Organizations' payments should be regarded as items of congregational expenses rather than of benevolence.

ARTICLE V

Application of Organizations' Payments

The 5% payments of the equivalent of the salaries of the members of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, made by the respective salary-paying organizations, shall be pooled and shall be applied on the co-operative basis for the benefit of the members of the Retirement Annuity Fund, who have fully discharged all of their requirements and obligations of the Retirement Annuity Fund.

ARTICLE VI

Allocation of Organizations' Payments

After the completion of each fiscal year, the aggregate of the net contributions of the salary-paying organizations shall be allocated on the joint ownership basis to those members of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, who in that year have remitted their full members' payments and whose salary-paying organizations also have remitted their full payments in that year; provided, however, that in no case shall such an allocation to a member of the Retirement Annuity Fund exceed an amount equal to 7% of his salary basis for such year, nor, shall such an allocation to a member be less than 4% of the salary basis upon which his member's and organization's payments were made for that year. The allocated amounts shall be credited to the respective individual accounts of the members of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund in addition to their own member's payments.

ARTICLE VII

Application of Allocations

The allocations from the organizations' payments, and the accumulations thereon, credited to the member, shall be applied in a manner similar to that outlined in Article III above. All such annuities or other benefits are subject to the limitations and exceptions set forth herein. All such annuities or other benefits are to be in addition to those provided by the member's payments.

ARTICLE VIII

Interest

Interest, taken out of the earnings on investments of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund at rates to be determined annually by the Board of Pensions and Relief, shall be added to amounts credited to or accumulated for a member of the Fund.

ARTICLE IX

Additional Optional Payments

The member may pay into the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, or there may be paid into the Fund on his account, such optional amounts as may be elected in addition to the member's and organizations' regular payments, which shall be increased by the accumulations thereon, as set forth in Article VIII, for the purpose of providing annuity benefits for that member of the Retirement Annuity Fund, in addition to the regular prescribed benefits of the Retirement Annuity Fund.

ARTICLE X

Annuities

Section 1. Age Retirement Annuities.

a. A member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund may retire after attaining the age of 65 and receive his annuity from the Fund. If a member does not retire at the age of 65 he shall continue to make his 3% payments to the Fund, and his salary-paying organization also shall continue to make its 5% payments to the Fund, until the member does retire. Retirement shall mean the giving up of all regular work in the Church and the cessation of all salaried relationship to the Church, for which over \$700. a year is received.

b. Upon the retirement of a member of the Retirement Annuity Fund after attaining the age of 65, all of the member's payments and all of the allocated organizations' payments, and the accumulations thereon, to the credit of the member, shall be applied to provide an age retirement annuity for the member, based upon the table of rates then in use by the Board for such purposes, provided that 60% of such annuity shall be continued to the widow of the member, if any, on the joint life and survivor basis, if their marriage took place before the member entered upon such age retirement annuity.

Note: After attaining the age of 65 years, a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, who has paid into the Fund the equivalent of 3% of his annual salary in full each year, and whose salary-paying organizations also have paid into the Fund the equivalent of 5% of his annual salary in full each year, would receive at least \$1.00 a year in annuity payments for life for every \$15.00 credited to his account, with 60 cents a year continued to his widow, if any, as herein set forth.

Section 2. Disability Retirement Annuities.

a. In the event of the total and presumably permanent disability of a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, before he attains the age of 65, all of the payments and the accumulations thereon to the credit of the member from all sources, as outlined above, shall be applied to provide a disability retirement annuity for the member, based upon the table of rates then in use by the Board for such purposes, provided that 60% of such annuity shall be continued to the widow of the member, if any, on the joint life and survivor basis, if their marriage took place before the member entered upon such disability retirement annuity.

b. Should the disability of a member of the Retirement Annuity Fund prove temporary and not permanent, when it has been removed the disability retirement annuity shall be terminated and the member shall receive as a credit the reserve remaining under his disability retirement annuity at the date of his recovery, upon which remaining credit a future annuity for him shall be computed, as herein set forth. The member then shall resume making his 3% payments to the Fund, and his salary-paying organization also shall make its 5% payments to the Fund; which payments and the accumulations thereon shall be credited to the member to provide an annuity in addition to the annuity available from the reserve remaining under his disability retirement annuity.

c. If a member of the Retirement Annuity Fund has no wife or minor child, he may designate the beneficiary of all of his own payments to the Fund, and the accumulations thereon, except that part of his own payments to the Retirement Annuity Fund which has been given to him in annuity benefits.

Section 3. Widows' Annuities.

a. In the event of the death of a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, after entering upon an age or a disability retirement annuity, an annuity shall be paid to his widow, if any, as outlined in Article X, Section 1, paragraph b. and in Section 2, paragraph a., above.

b. In the event of the death of the member, before entering upon an age or disability retirement annuity, all of the payments and the accumulations thereon to the credit of the member from all sources shall be applied to pay an annuity to his widow, if any, based upon the table of rates then in use by the Board of Pensions and Relief for such purposes.

c. In the event of the remarriage of the widow of a member of the Retirement Annuity Fund, her annuity shall terminate.

d. Any fund released through the remarriage of the widow shall be credited to the Supplementary Fund as set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. Orphans' Annuities.

a. In the event of the death of a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund before entering upon an age or a disability retirement annuity, leaving no widow, but leaving a minor child or children, up to the age of 18, all of the payments and the accumulations thereon to the credit of the member of the Retirement Annuity Fund from all sources shall be applied by the Board for the benefit of such minor surviving child or children, up to the age of 18. If, however, after making reasonable provision for such child or children, there remains any balance from the member's own payments and the accumulations thereon, an amount equivalent to such balance may be paid by the Board to other dependents or to the legal representatives of the member. Any balance of the organizations' payments for such a member and the accumulations thereon shall be credited to the Supplementary Fund.

b. In the event of the death of a member of the Retirement Annuity Fund before entering upon an age or disability retirement annuity, leaving no widow, and no minor child or children, up to the age of 18, and naming no beneficiary, as set forth in Article X, Section 2. c., above, the Board may pay to other dependents, or to the legal representatives of the member, an amount equivalent to all of the member's own payments and the accumulations thereon to the credit of the member. The allocated organizations' payments and the payments from all other

sources, and the accumulations thereon, shall be credited to the Supplementary Fund.

ARTICLE XI

Withdrawal Benefits

Section 1. If a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund remains an accredited minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, but discontinues his member's payments to the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund and the organization's payments on his account also are discontinued, then the member shall be classed as inactive and during such status shall be entitled to no credits other than interest additions.

Section 2. In the case of a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, as described in Section 1 above, all of the payments and the accumulations thereon to the credit of the member from all sources shall remain to the credit of the member. These payments and the accumulations thereon shall be increased thereafter by interest additions and shall be applied to provide annuity benefits as outlined.

Section 3. If the standing of the member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, as a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, is terminated, his membership in the Retirement Annuity Fund terminates automatically, and he shall be given the amount of his own payments into the Fund, with the accumulations thereon.

Section 4. If, however, a member of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund gives up his standing entirely as a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, he may elect to withdraw his own member's payments and the accumulations thereon. In such case all of the other payments and the accumulations thereon to his credit from the allocated organizations' payments and from other sources shall be released thereby and credited to the Supplementary Fund.

ARTICLE XII

Annuity Payments

All annuities shall be actuarially and equitably computed, and shall be payable in instalments regularly at the end of each quarter of a year.

ARTICLE XIII

Supplementary Fund

Section 1. The Supplementary Fund of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund shall consist of all credits from any sources released under the rules of the Ministers' Annuity Fund, and shall be supplemented by contributions, gifts, legacies, gift annuity credits, and by other available funds.

Section 2. Any balance in the Supplementary Fund, and the income thereon, may be used to pay annuities and administration expenses of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund. The proportionate share of the administration expenses of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, that cannot be paid by the Supplementary Fund, shall be taken out of the salary-paying organizations' 5% payments into the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund.

ARTICLE XIV

The terms and conditions of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund may be amended by the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, subject to the final approval of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, or subject to the final approval of the General Council of the Church between the meetings of the General Synod.

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT ANNUITY FUND

(Examples of Benefits)

Annuity provided upon Retirement at Age 68 by Deposits of \$100. a year
(8% on a salary averaging \$1,250. a year) on both the

Single-Life Basis and the Joint-Life and Survivor (60% to Widow)
Basis for a Man and Wife of the same age

Entry Age	Number Years to Age 68	Accumulation of \$100. Per Year at Age 68	Single-Life Annuity	Joint-Life and Survivor Annuity
25	43	\$9,685.	\$1,042.	\$846.
26	42	9,261.	996.	809.
27	41	8,851.	952.	773.
28	40	8,455.	910.	739.
29	39	8,072.	868.	705.
30	38	7,703.	829.	673.
31	37	7,346.	790.	642.
32	36	7,001.	753.	612.
33	35	6,667.	717.	582.
34	34	6,345.	683.	554.
35	33	6,034.	649.	527.
36	32	5,733.	617.	501.
37	31	5,443.	586.	476.
38	30	5,162.	555.	451.
39	29	4,891.	526.	427.
40	28	4,629.	498.	404.
41	27	4,376.	471.	382.
42	26	4,131.	444.	361.
43	25	3,895.	419.	340.
44	24	3,667.	394.	320.
45	23	3,446.	371.	301.
46	22	3,233.	348.	282.
47	21	3,027.	326.	264.
48	20	2,828.	304.	247.
49	19	2,636.	284.	230.
50	18	2,450.	264.	214.
51	17	2,271.	244.	198.
52	16	2,097.	226.	183.
53	15	1,930.	206.	169.
54	14	1,768.	190.	154.
55	13	1,611.	173.	141.
56	12	1,460.	157.	128.
57	11	1,314.	141.	115.
58	10	1,173.	126.	102.
59	9	1,037.	112.	91.
60	8	905.	97.	79.
61	7	778.	84.	68.
62	6	655.	70.	57.
63	5	536.	58.	47.
64	4	421.	45.	37.
65	3	311.	33.	27.
66	2	204.	22.	18.
67	1	100.	11.	9.

BASIS—Interest at 3½% on deposits at end of each year—Annuities payable in instalments at end of each quarter.

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT ANNUITY FUND

(Examples of Benefits)

Annuity provided upon Retirement by Deposits of \$100. a Year
(8% on a salary averaging \$1,250. a year) on both the
Single-Life Basis and the Joint-Life and Survivor (60% to Widow)
Basis for a Man and Wife of the same age

AGE AT RETIREMENT						
Age at Entry	65	66	67	68	69	70
<i>Single-Life</i>						
25	\$819.	\$887.	\$961.	\$1,042.	\$1,130.	\$1,227.
30	646.	701.	762.	829.	901.	981.
35	500.	545.	595.	649.	708.	773.
40	377.	414.	454.	498.	546.	599.
45	274.	303.	335.	371.	409.	452.
50	187.	210.	236.	264.	294.	328.
55	114.	132.	152.	175.	197.	224.
60	52.	66.	81.	97.	116.	136.
<i>Joint-Life and Survivor</i>						
25	674.	727.	784.	846.	913.	987.
30	532.	575.	622.	673.	728.	789.
35	412.	447.	485.	527.	573.	622.
40	311.	339.	370.	404.	441.	482.
45	225.	249.	274.	301.	331.	363.
50	154.	172.	192.	214.	238.	264.
55	94.	108.	124.	141.	159.	180.
60	43.	54.	66.	79.	94.	109.

BASIS—Interest at 3½% on deposits at end of each year—Annuities payable in instalments at end of each quarter.

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT ANNUITY FUND

Illustrations of Application of Accumulations of \$100. a Year to Provide an Annuity for a Widow, (8% on her Husband's Salary Averaging \$1,250. a Year) in the Event of the Death of Her Husband during the Accumulation Period
At End of Years Indicated:

Age at Entry	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
25	\$24.	\$56.	\$98.	\$154.	\$231.	\$340.	\$494.	\$721.	\$1,060.
30	26.	59.	105.	168.	256.	383.	568.	847.	
35	27.	64.	115.	186.	289.	440.	668.		
40	29.	70.	127.	210.	332.	517.			
45	32.	77.	143.	241.	390.				
50	35.	87.	164.	283.					
55	40.	100.	193.						
60	46.	117.							

BASIS: Age of Wife—same as Husband's

Interest at 3½%, compounded at end of each year—Annuity payments in instalments at end of each quarter.

Harry Nelson Bassler, President
Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church
Silas P. Bittner, Chairman
Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod

ON PAYMENT OF DEBTS PRIOR TO THE 1940 GENERAL SYNOD**Item 60**

The West Missouri District requests the General Synod to instruct the General Council to make every effort that the debts of the two denominations and their respective Boards shall either be fully paid; or a sound financial plan be devised whereby these obligations shall be fully taken care of prior to the meeting of the General Synod in 1940.

B. Report of the Committee on Overtures

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee had referred to it a large number of overtures, resolutions and miscellaneous communications, and has found the following 60 items that should receive consideration at the hands of the Synod. These items are listed in the order in which the General Synod took action upon them.

ITEM 1 (a) Resolutions from 20 Districts of the Evangelical Church, stating their position relative to the consummation of the merger.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and the receiving of the information for the guidance of the General Synod.

(b) An overture from the Milwaukee Classis asking (1) a postponement of the declaration of the adoption of the Constitution; and (2) asking for the appointment of a committee representing both partners in the merger to work out a practical plan in accordance with all legal requirements.

We recommend the adoption of the item, as information, for the guidance of Synod.

(c) An overture from the Eureka Classis, (1) demanding that the General Synod reconsider the vote upon union and reserving the right to function as heretofore.

We recommend the adoption of the item, as information for the guidance of the Synod.

(d) An overture from the Ohio Synod requesting the General Synod to hold steadfastly to the consummation of the union now.

We recommend the adoption of the item, as information for the guidance of the Synod.

This entire Item 1 was ordered marked "attended to" by the subsequent vote of the General Synod upon the "Resolution Presented by the Committee on Constitution and Charter."

ITEM 2—Resolutions from the Nebraska District requesting that the General Synod enact and adopt appropriate legislation which will reserve and guarantee certain rights and privileges to every congregation.

We recommend its reference to the Committee on Constitution and Charter. ADOPTED.

ITEM 3—An overture from the New York Classis, confirmed by the Eastern Synod, petitioning the General Synod to secure uniform marriage laws.

We recommend its adoption, and reference to the Committee on Christianity and Social Action. ADOPTED.

ITEM 4—An overture from the New York Classis, confirmed by the Eastern Synod, requesting General Synod to define the term "a baptized member" more explicitly.

We recommend its adoption, and its reference to the Committee on Constitution and Charter. ADOPTED.

ITEM 5—Overture from Zion's Classis requesting that General Synod include a column for Inactive Members in the Statistical Blanks.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to a special committee on statistics to be appointed at this session. ADOPTED.

ITEM 6—An overture from the Indianapolis Classis requesting that General Synod print the names and addresses of pastors and secretaries of consistories in its report, and list all the congregations of each charge together.

We recommend the adoption, and suggest its reference to this same committee. ADOPTED.

ITEM 7—An overture from the West Susquehanna Classis requesting the General Synod to include the Statistical Table C in its printed minutes.

We recommend its adoption, with the same reference as the preceding item. ADOPTED.

ITEM 8—An overture from the Ohio Synod requesting that the complete statistics for the united church be printed in one volume, as in 1937.

We recommend its adoption, and its reference to this same committee. ADOPTED.

ITEM 9 (A)—Overture from the Association of Schools, Colleges and Seminaries of the united church presenting certain suggestions relative to the proper maintenance and support of our educational institutions.

We recommend its adoption, and its reference to the Committee on Educational Institutions. ADOPTED.

(B)—Overture from the Association of Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries with recommendations as to the best means of preserving a vital relationship between the institutions of the church and the church itself.

Recommend adoption, and reference to Committee on Educational Institutions. ADOPTED.

ITEM 10—Overture from the Ohio Synod requesting that General Synod create a College Committee in the Heidelberg educational area.

Recommend adoption, with reference to Committee on Educational Institutions. ADOPTED.

ITEM 11—Overture from the Ohio Synod requesting General Synod to continue the present constituency of the Mission House.

Recommend adoption, and reference to Committee on Educational Institutions. ADOPTED.

Item 12—An overture presenting recommendations unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and North Carolina Classis, requesting the General Synod to approve and adopt the proposed plan for the election of trustees, and to make provision for the election of said trustees as provided in these recommendations.

We recommend the adoption of the item, with its reference to the Committee on Educational Institutions. ADOPTED.

ITEM 13—An overture from the Philadelphia Classis relative to the apportionment for Educational Institutions.

Recommend its adoption, and its reference to the Committee on Educational Institutions. ADOPTED.

ITEM 14—An overture from the West Missouri District requesting General Synod to make some provision for the Evangelical Student congregation at Missouri State University.

We recommend adoption of item, and reference to the Committee on Educational Institutions. ADOPTED.

ITEM 15—An overture from the Minnesota District relative to the equalization of traveling expenses of all Synods on a nation-wide basis.

We recommend adoption and its reference to the Executive Committee. ADOPTED.

ITEM 16—An overture from the Board of Trustees of Elmhurst College requesting the General Synod to recognize the advisability of providing for an overlapping in the terms of members of the Boards chosen by the General Synod. The Executive Committee of the General Synod approves this suggestion.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Nominating Committee. ADOPTED.

ITEM 17—An overture from the West Ohio Classis requesting the General Synod to reconsider the whole matter of a Placement Committee.

We recommend the adoption of the item, with its reference to the Committee on Constitution and Charter. ADOPTED.

ITEM 18—East Susquehanna, Gettysburg, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, West Susquehanna, Wyoming and Zion's Classes, and the Atlantic, Iowa, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Southern Districts overture the General Synod to amend By-Law 105 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, adopted by the General Synod in 1936, to read as follows:—

"The Board of Pensions and Relief shall consist of twelve members, at least eight of whom shall be ministers and four shall be lay members. Ten of the members of the Board shall be elected by the General Synod and these shall elect the other two, subject to the approval of the General Council."

We recommend the adoption of the item, with its reference to the Committee on Constitution and Charter. ADOPTED. See also No. 59.

ITEM 19—Indianapolis Classis overtures the General Synod to adopt the new hymnal of the Presbyterian Church as the official hymnal of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

We recommend the adoption of the item, with instruction to the Stated Clerk that he inform Indianapolis Classis that Synod felt it inadvisable to do so. The General Synod adopted the item and received it as information.

ITEM 20—Resolutions from the Minnesota, New York and Atlantic Districts opposing the adoption of hymnals of other denominations as the official hymnal of our united church, and favoring the continuation and completion of the work of the New Hymnal Committee.

We recommend the adoption of the item; marking it "attended to." ADOPTED.

ITEM 21—A resolution from the Michigan District urging the General Synod to withhold action on the adoption of a hymnal until the New Hymnal Committee completes its work.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and that it be laid upon the table until after the report of the Committee on the New Hymnal has been heard. This Item was later taken from the table and adopted.

ITEM 22—Various items from the Mid-West Synod, Synod of the Northwest, Ohio Synod, Eastern Synod and the New York Classis petitioning the General Synod to aid the Central Publishing House.

We recommend the adoption of the item, with its reference to the Committee on Central Publishing House. ADOPTED.

ITEM 23—A concurrent overture from the Board of Publications and the Board of Christian Education petitioning the General Synod to

give consideration to certain recommendations concerning the "Messenger," the overture being concurred in by the Atlantic, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pacific Northwest, Pennsylvania and West Missouri Districts with the addition "that for the sake of economy the editorial and business offices be consolidated in St. Louis, Mo."

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to a special committee on Publications to be appointed by the President. ADOPTED.

ITEM 24—An overture from the Southern District recommending that the publication of The Messenger remain the joint financial responsibility of the Board of Publications and the Board of Christian Education, and that the offices be consolidated and located at St. Louis, Mo.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Publications. ADOPTED.

ITEM 25—The Eastern Synod overtures the General Synod to give consideration to the merger of The Messenger and The Outlook of Missions.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Publications. ADOPTED.

ITEM 26—A resolution from the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod recommending and urging the continuance of The Outlook of Missions.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Publications. ADOPTED. (See report of the Committee for final action.)

Item 27—An overture from the Eastern Synod petitioning the General Synod to consider the status of church-owned camp sites in our united church, with special reference to the ownership of and financial responsibility for both Dunkirk and Mensch Mill.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Christian Education and Publications. ADOPTED.

ITEM 28—The New York District overtures the General Synod, protesting against the type of administration of the Dunkirk Conference Grounds involving ten different synods, and recommending consideration of another plan which they suggest.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Christian Education and Publications. ADOPTED.

ITEM 29—A resolution from the Pennsylvania District endorsing the newly proposed plan for the administration of the Dunkirk Conference Grounds under the merger.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the committee on Christian Education and Publications. ADOPTED.

ITEM 30—Juniata Classis, Wisconsin and Michigan Districts and the Ohio Synod urge the General Synod to provide for a Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, with adequate financial undergirding.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Christianity and Social Action. ADOPTED.

ITEM 31—An overture from the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip with the request that the General Synod define what the status of this organization is to be in the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

We recommend the adoption of this item, and its reference to the Committee on Auxiliary Organizations. ADOPTED.

ITEM 32—The Iowa and Nebraska Districts recommend that the General Synod appoint a committee, with a modest financial appropriation, to study the ministers' salary situation, and suggest ways and means for a just equalization.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Equalization of Ministerial Salaries. ADOPTED.

ITEM 33—The Southern District requests the General Synod to appoint a committee, with a modest financial appropriation, to study the salary situation of our pastors, endeavoring to realize a two-fold objective:—a recommended minimum salary and the formation of a voluntary group working toward the equalization of salaries.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the committee now making a study of this matter. ADOPTED.

ITEM 34—The Atlantic District petitions the General Synod to make overtures to the United States Social Security Board to make it possible for all employees of the church not now covered by the Pension and Relief System of the Church to be covered by the Government Pension Fund.

We recommend the adoption of the item, with its reference to the committee on Pensions and Relief. ADOPTED.

ITEM 35—An overture from the Goshenhoppen Classis petitioning the General Synod to create a pension system similar to those adopted by certain other communions, the overture setting forth certain salient features suggested by said Classis.

We recommend the adoption of this item, and its reference to the Committee on Pensions and Relief. ADOPTED.

ITEM 36—An overture from the Westmoreland Classis requesting the General Synod to pass a resolution having to do with the designation of special benevolent offerings of congregations.

We recommend the adoption of the item and its reference to the Committee on Budget.

ITEM 37—Lancaster Classis overtures the General Synod requesting that the present distinction between the contingent and benevolent funds, as made in the statistical blanks, be discarded.

We recommend the adoption of the item and its reference to the Committee on Budget. ADOPTED.

ITEM 38—The Synod of the Northwest overtures the General Synod with reference to certain phases of Sabbath Observance.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Christianity and Social Action. ADOPTED.

ITEM 39—An overture from the Eastern Synod petitioning the General Synod to consider the advisability of establishing a Commission on World Peace.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Christianity and Social Action. ADOPTED.

ITEM 40—An overture from the East Pennsylvania Classis requesting General Synod to make a deliverance upon the question of Exemption from Military Service.

We recommend its adoption, and its reference to the Committee on Christianity and Social Action. ADOPTED.

ITEM 41—A recommendation from the Indianapolis Classis that the General Synod consider a religious hour on the radio.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Executive Committee. ADOPTED.

ITEM 42—An overture from the West Susquehanna Classis petitioning the General Synod to include in its program and organization the needs and work of the Rural Church, with certain suggestions for the same.

We recommend its adoption, and its reference to the Committee on Home Missions. ADOPTED.

ITEM 43—An overture from the Ohio Synod requesting General Synod to take over the Lytton-Ai Rural Demonstration Parish.

We recommend its adoption, and its reference to the Committee of Home Missions. ADOPTED.

ITEM 44—A recommendation from the Pennsylvania District that Synodical Insurance be limited to church property and that of its ministers and ministers' widows; also, that uniform record books be furnished all district representatives of the Insurance Commission.

We recommend the adoption of this item, and its reference to the Committee on Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association. ADOPTED.

ITEM 45—A reference from the Northwest Synod to the General Synod relative to its troubles with the Nebraska Classis regarding Immanuel Church at Lincoln, Nebraska.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to a special committee which shall confer with adequately informed or instructed representatives of the Northwest Synod. ADOPTED.

ITEM 46—A reference from the Nebraska Classis requesting the decision of the General Synod upon the actions of said Classis and of the Northwest Synod regarding the "opposition" congregation at Sutton, Nebraska.

We recommend its adoption, and its reference to a special committee to be appointed which shall confer with adequately informed or instructed representatives of the Nebraska Classis. ADOPTED.

ITEM 47—A communication from Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert relative to the representation of the merged church upon the Federal Council of Churches of Christ.

We recommend its adoption, with reference to the Committee on Nominations. ADOPTED.

ITEM 48—The Ohio and Michigan Districts petition the General Synod that the merged church shall include in its regular appeal for denominational support an item for "Educational Institutions," so that such institutions as have an inadequate endowment may continue their high academic standards at all times, and be given the support of the entire denomination.

We recommend its adoption, and its reference to the Committee on Educational Institutions. ADOPTED.

ITEM 49—The Minnesota District asks for a larger portion of the denominational budget for the work of Christian Education.

We recommend its adoption, and its reference to the Executive Committee. ADOPTED.

ITEM 50—The New York District overtures the General Synod relative to the aiding of such ministers as, under present conditions, are denied the opportunity of preaching the Gospel in Germany.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Executive Committee. ADOPTED.

ITEM 51—An overture from the Eastern Hungarian Classis petitioning the General Synod to reestablish a Hungarian professorship either at one of our Lancaster institutions or at some other.

We recommend adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Home Missions. ADOPTED.

ITEM 52—Communication from the American Waldensian Aid Society requesting the General Synod to recognize and receive the Society's General Secretary, Mr. Robert W. Anthony, as a fraternal delegate.

We recommend adoption of this item by a rising vote as the expression of our fraternal greeting to this brother. ADOPTED.

ITEM 53—Communication from the students and faculty members of the Dunkirk E.L.T.S., Dunkirk, N. Y., requesting that the General Synod take certain actions in the interest of World Peace.

We recommend adoption of item, and its reference to the Committee on Christianity and Social Action. ADOPTED.

ITEM 54—An overture from the Board of International Missions requesting the General Synod to consider the advisability of taking over the mission at Akpafu, Africa.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Foreign Missions. ADOPTED.

ITEM 55—Communication from the Save the Children Fund.

We recommend adoption and reference to Committee on Christianity and Social Action. ADOPTED.

ITEM 56—Resolution from the Pennsylvania District that the General Synod grant a larger share of the annual synodical budget to the Board of Pensions.

We recommend adoption of item, and its reference to the Executive Committee. ADOPTED.

ITEM 57—The President's report on the state of the Church referred to this committee.

We recommend the adoption of item, that the Synod record its sense of appreciation of the discriminating review and the challenging review contained in the report, and that it be printed in its entirety in the Minutes of this General Synod. ADOPTED.

ITEM 58—A communication from the General Council through Theodore L. Trost requesting the General Synod to consider membership in the Lutheran World Convention.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and that it be laid upon the table. This Item was finally tabled permanently.

ITEM 59—Overtures on Ministerial Pensions and Relief.

1. That Synod shall arrange the nomination and election of the initial personnel of the Board of Pensions and Relief as herein stated.

We recommend its adoption, with its reference to the Committee on Pensions and Relief. ADOPTED.

2. A proposed promise to be added to the form of a "Call to a Minister."

We recommend its adoption, and its reference to the Committee on Pensions and Relief, with the suggestion that, if finally adopted, it be made to read "5% of *your* said annual salary" instead of "*his* annual salary." We also recommend to the committee that the words "monthly" and "in advance" be omitted. ADOPTED.

3. That General Synod allocate the month of September for the promotion of the work of the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief.

We recommend adoption of item, and its reference to the Committee on Pensions and Relief, with the reminder that the Executive Committee, in its Report recommends the month of September for this work. See Blue Book, page 22. ADOPTED.

4. That the General Synod request the Board of Pensions and Relief to study the subject of social insurance with special reference to the lay workers of the church.

We recommend adoption of item, and its reference to the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief. ADOPTED.

5. That the General Synod shall allocate the management of certain Pastors' Homes to the Board of Pensions and Relief.

We recommend adoption of item, with a reference to the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief. ADOPTED.

6. That the General Synod shall each year provide sufficient money to maintain said homes.

We recommend the adoption of item, and its reference to the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief. ADOPTED.

7. That all expenses of Committee on Correlation and Promotion of the General Synod be included in the administration budget of General Synod.

Later referred to the General Council. ADOPTED.

8. Presentation of the proposed Charter of the Board of Pensions and Relief.

We recommend adoption of item, and reference to Committee on Pensions and Relief. ADOPTED.

9. (Page 7 in "Overture on Ministerial Pensions and Relief.") Presentation of the Proposed Church Pension Fund.

We recommend the adoption of the item, and its reference to the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief. ADOPTED.

ITEM 60—The West Missouri District overtures the General Synod to instruct its officers to make every effort that the debts of the two denominations and their respective Boards shall either be fully paid or a sound financial plan be devised whereby these obligations shall be fully taken care of prior to the meeting of the General Synod in 1940.

We recommend its adoption, and reference to the General Council. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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The foregoing report was adopted as a whole on Wednesday morning.

3. Report of the Executive Committee of the General Synod

This Report was first presented on Thursday morning by the Secretary, Dr. Wm. E. Lampe. As opportune occasion arose during the sessions of Synod, it was considered and action taken. The report was amended during the sessions of Synod by additional recommendations, all of which were considered with deliberation by sections and items, and action taken in the order of the references from 1-22 inclusive. The actions on the specific recommendations follow immediately after the Report in its entirety. The Report was adopted as a whole on Wednesday, shortly before the adjournment of the General Synod.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SYNOD

To the General Synod:

The union of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America was effected in joint session assembled on the evening of June 26, 1934, in Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of "The Evangelical and Reformed Church." The consummation of the union was formally pronounced by the President of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States and the President of the Evangelical Synod of North America. The next day the General Synod transacted some necessary business, elected officers, an Executive Committee, a Committee on Constitution and Charter and a Judicial Commission, heard a few addresses and statements, and adjourned.

During the next two years the Executive Committee made great progress in "promoting and unifying the work of the Church" and reported to the General Synod which met at Fort Wayne in June, 1936. The Committee on Constitution submitted a draft which was discussed for several days, then adopted practically unanimously, and submitted to the Districts and Classes for their approval. The Judicial Commission reported that it had had no work and therefore had not found it necessary or advisable to call a meeting. The Committee on Constitution and Charter was continued as was the Judicial Commission, but the membership of the Executive Committee was changed, for the next two years.

During the past two years the Executive Committee has labored faithfully to advance all of the work of the Church, to unify its activities, and, through our united Church, to advance the Kingdom of God on earth. The President of the General Synod, in his report on the State of the Church, will refer to the spiritual progress that has been made. The Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism has also fostered and endeavored to advance the spiritual interests of the Church. Our report will therefore deal largely with organization and matters of business conducted under the General Synod in behalf of the united Church.

FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At the merger meeting in 1934 the General Synod resolved, "That the function of the Executive Committee shall be especially to promote the work of the Church and to expedite the correlation and unification of the hitherto separate agencies and activities. Until a constitution is adopted, the function of the Executive Committee for that portion of the Evangelical and Reformed Church which formerly was the Reformed Church in the United States shall be the same as the functions defined

in Article 122 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States. (The General Synod at its regular meeting shall elect an Executive Committee which shall be constituted as the General Synod may from time to time determine. Meetings shall be held semi-annually and also at the call of the Chairman or three members of the Committee. The Executive Committee shall aid in stimulating the spiritual life of the Church; co-ordinate the work of the Boards of the General Synod; receive and adjust the budgets of said Boards and submit them to the General Synod with recommendations; co-operate with the Classes in apportioning the budgets of the Boards and assist the Classes and congregations in securing the budgets; regulate the making of special appeals for funds throughout the Church, serve as a general bureau of Church finances; promote the principles and practice of Christian Stewardship; prepare the Order of Business and the Blue Book for the meeting of the General Synod, and, with the pastor loci, work out the program of the General Synod. Its duties shall be subject to revision at each triennial session of the General Synod. A record of the Executive Committee's proceedings shall be kept and submitted to the General Synod.) For that portion of the Evangelical and Reformed Church which formerly was the Evangelical Synod of North America, the Executive Committee shall co-operate with the Board of Directors in harmony with authority granted said Board before the union and with the provision of the Plan of Union.

"The Executive Committee may elect one or two full-time secretaries. The budget for the conduct of the work of the Committee shall be regarded as part of the contingent expenses of the General Synod.

"The Executive Committee is empowered to determine the costs necessary to carry on the work of administration of the Executive Committee and to pro-rate these costs to the respective groups with the proviso, however, that all possible economy be exercised."

MEMBERS — MEETINGS — OFFICERS

The members of the Executive Committee chosen by the General Synod two years ago include the President, Dr. George W. Richards, the First Vice-President, Dr. L. W. Goebel, and the Treasurer of the General Synod, Mr. F. A. Keck; Drs. Paul Press and John Lentz, Chairmen, respectively, of the Committees on Promotion of the former "E" and "R" groups; and the following ministers and lay members: Revs. Melvin E. Beck, D.D., H. J. Christman, D.D., LL.D., Frederick C. Klick, D.D., F. A. Meusch, Frederick L. Rodenbeck, F. H. Rupnow, D.D., Paul M. Schroeder and K. J. Stuebbe, D.D., Messrs. Charles S. Adams, William H. Brown, J. C. Fischer, C. B. Frederick, John W. Mueller and D. J. Snyder, and Mesdames F. William Leich and Ida Pauley.

The newly-constituted Executive Committee has held six meetings. The first was on the day of adjournment of the General Synod at Fort Wayne. Then the Committee held two-day meetings in September, 1936, March and November, 1937, and April, 1938. It also met in Columbus on June 21 to complete arrangements for this meeting of the General Synod.

At its first meeting, the Committee organized by electing the President of the General Synod, Dr. George W. Richards, Chairman; the First Vice-President of the General Synod, Dr. L. W. Goebel, Vice-Chairman; and Dr. William E. Lampe, Recording and Corresponding Secretary. Mr. F. A. Keck was elected Treasurer. The General Synod had referred back to the Executive Committee, with power, the recommendation that, beginning with the fiscal year 1937, there be only one secretary of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee agreed

that both secretaries, Rev. H. P. Vieth and Dr. Lampe, should be continued. In May, 1937, Secretary Vieth accepted a pastorate and the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod, with the approval of the Executive Committee, chose Dr. J. P. Meyer to fill the vacancy.

1. MATTERS REFERRED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD

A number of matters were referred by the General Synod to the Executive Committee. All were given careful attention at one or more meetings of the Executive Committee. The actions on some items are included with other matters in this report. Several of the most important ones are dealt with as major matters in this report. The other references are as follows:

I. World Calendar. Dr. Paul Press has reported regarding this at each meeting of the Executive Committee. There seems to be less interest in this subject than a few years ago.

II. Historical Commission. The "E" Historical Commission pointed out in its 1936 report "that the Historical Society of the Reformed Church has been able to operate on its own funds, whereas the Historical Commission has been subsidized by the Synod." It advised that "the Historical Commission be continued and adequately provided for under the auspices of the united Church." This was referred to the Executive Committee. The Pacific Northwest District recommended to the General Synod that the work of the Historical Commission be adequately provided for in the united Church and this was referred to the Executive Committee, with power to act. The Executive Committee felt that during the past biennium no financial aid need be given but voted to *recommend to the General Synod the appointment of a Historical Commission, representing the several sections of the Church.*

III. W. C. T. U. and Anti-Saloon League. The General Synod referred to the Executive Committee, with power to act, co-operation in the observance of the Frances Willard Centenary. The Executive Committee voted to endorse this educational program through Drs. Richards and Lampe. The General Synod also authorized the Executive Committee to represent the General Synod, in co-operation with other Christian denominations, in any feasible and practical reorganization of the temperance forces and agencies of the nation. Drs. Richards and Lampe were appointed for this matter.

IV. Closer Relations and Church Union. Southwest Ohio Classis overtured the General Synod of 1936 to enlarge the Commission on Closer Relations and Church Union so that active pastors and elders be given larger recognition on it. This was brought to the attention of the General Synod by the Executive Committee. The General Synod (Minutes of 1936 General Synod, page 64) authorized the appointment of a Commission on Closer Relations and Church Union to consist of twelve members, with due recognition of pastors and elders. The commission authorized was not appointed. The Executive Committee calls the attention of the General Synod to the authorization of the appointment and requests that the Commission be appointed at this meeting of the General Synod.

V. The 1938 Meeting of the General Synod. The General Synod instructed the Executive Committee to determine the date and hour for the 1938 meeting. The Executive Committee fixed Wednesday, June 22, at 7:45 P.M., for the convening of this meeting. In cooperation with the pastor loci, Rev. Arnold E. Klick, the program for this meeting has been arranged. The auditorium of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, was offered without charge for the business sessions of the General Synod. This has been used with satisfaction by a number of other denominations in recent years and because it is air-conditioned

and centrally located the Executive Committee has arranged that the business sessions from Friday, June 24, be held in this hotel. The procedures of the "E" and the "R" groups of former years for financing and entertaining delegates have been continued for this meeting, but some unified plan must be worked out to take care of these matters for future meetings of the General Synod.

The General Synod two years ago made a deliverance that until the new Constitution could go into effect, the pastors of either group seeking charges in the other group should be governed by the mode of procedure prevailing in the District or Classis in which the vacant charge is located. The presidents of the Classes and of the Districts were instructed to inform pastors of this action and urge them to observe this courtesy in applying for a vacant charge. The Executive Committee requested President Richards to issue a statement to all of the ministers of the Evangelical and Reformed Church that they must conform with the usages of the two respective groups and to tell them what those usages are in the matter of securing pastorates. Dr. Richards prepared a statement on this subject which was published in our Church papers.

2. CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

The report of the Executive Committee to the General Synod in 1936 reviewed the progress that had been made in merging the publication interests. The Central Publishing House was experiencing financial difficulties. The Executive Committee recommended that the entire matter of the Central Publishing House be referred to a special committee to report at that meeting of the General Synod. An overture of the Board of Directors of Central Publishing House was also before the General Synod.

A special committee was appointed which recommended "that the General Synod refer this matter concerning Central Publishing House to the Executive Committee of the General Synod, with directions to appoint a special committee of twelve members, consisting of three members of the Board of Christian Education of the 'R' group, three members of the Board of Publication of the 'E' group, and three members from the Synods owning Central Publishing House, together with representatives of any other interests connected therewith." The special committee further recommended "that the Board of Directors of Central Publishing House be instructed to secure the consent of the constituent Synods now owning Central Publishing House." Both of these recommendations were adopted by the General Synod.

The Executive Committee, at its meeting in September, 1936, appointed the following Committee of Twelve: Representing the Central Publishing House, Revs. T. W. Hoernemann, D.D., David Grether and Henry C. Nott, D.D.; representing the Board of Christian Education, Revs. Henry I. Stahr, D.D., LL.D., Paul S. Leinbach, Litt.D., and Paul J. Dundore, Ph.D.; representing the Board of Publication, Revs. Theodore Haeefe, E. E. Leibner and Edwin F. Mayer; and representing other interests of the "E" group, Mr. F. A. Keck, Rev. F. C. Klick, D.D., and John W. Mueller, Esq. When this committee met, it organized by electing Dr. Henry I. Stahr, Chairman, and Rev. E. E. Leibner, Secretary.

This Committee of Twelve reported to the Executive Committee in March, 1937, and recommended:

1. That the Board of Directors of Central Publishing House be requested to secure as soon as possible the consent of the Synods owning that Publishing House to agree that, when the new Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is adopted, the Central Publishing House shall come immediately under

the ownership of the General Synod and the control of the Board of Business Management, with the understanding that the present ownership of the Central Publishing House shall be represented on the said Board of Business Management.

2. That, in order that the Executive Committee of General Synod, and the General Synod itself, when it next meets, may have complete information as to the financial status of the Central Publishing House, a nationally known firm of Certified Public Accountants be secured by the Executive Committee to make a comprehensive study of the financial condition of the Central Publishing House.

3. That, in case the Synods owning the Central Publishing House agree to this plan, and the report on a comprehensive study of the Central Publishing House be acceptable, the General Synod, if it be deemed feasible, take over the ownership and control of the Central Publishing House, through the Board of Business Management.

The Executive Committee resubmitted the matter to the Committee of Twelve "with direction to have a thorough audit and complete inventory made, at the expense of the Executive Committee, and with further direction to prepare the terms and conditions on which the General Synod shall be asked to take over the control and management of the Central Publishing House. The Board of Directors of Central Publishing House shall be requested to submit such plan to the Synods owning the Publishing House for their approval, and, when such approval is obtained, to report such action to the Executive Committee, for submission to the next General Synod."

The Committee of Twelve followed the direction of the Executive Committee and had a thorough audit and complete inventory made at the expense of the Executive Committee, and considered the terms and conditions on which the General Synod shall be asked to take over the control and management of the Central Publishing House. Upon the completion of the audit by Lybrand, Ross Brothers, and Montgomery, the committee met on June 9th and reviewed the report. The committee voted unanimously: To reiterate its former recommendation that the General Synod take over the Central Publishing House, provided the Synods owning the Central Publishing House agree; to recommend that for the next few years while the Synods owning the Central Publishing House, still exist, they continue the payment of interest on annuity agreements proportioned as at present and after they are dissolved, the General Synod assume such payments; to recommend that the General Synod assume the bonded indebtedness of Central Publishing House (which in effect are serial notes amounting to \$49,036.66 as of April 30, 1937); to transmit through the Board of Directors of the Central Publishing House to the Synods owning the Central Publishing House excerpts from the report of the auditors and also the accompanying letter from the accountants; to recommend that the General Synod through the Board of Business Management, which is to be formed after the adoption of the new Constitution, determine the future status of the Central Publishing House; and to instruct the Chairman of the committee, Dr. Henry I. Stahr, and the Secretary, Rev. E. E. Leibner, to transmit to the Board of Directors of the Central Publishing House the items of action taken in the meeting for presentation through this Board to the Synods owning the Central Publishing House.

These actions were communicated to the Central Publishing House Board. The Board, without a dissenting vote, approved the actions taken by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the special Committee of Twelve. The Board submitted the request to the owning Synods that they give their approval to having the General Synod

take over the Central Publishing House. A complete audit was made by Lybrand, Ross Brothers, and Montgomery, a nationally known firm of accountants and auditors, at an expense of six hundred dollars. The results of this audit were in substantial accord with the regular audit, made annually, by the Certified Public Accountant employed by the Central Publishing House, Mr. Edwin W. Breyer. A special committee was appointed to review and re-evaluate the inventory of the Central Publishing House: Messrs. George W. Waidner, representing the Board of Christian Education; Fred C. Fischer, the Eden Publishing House; and Peter Wetzel, the Central Publishing House. The amount of the inventory in the report of the auditing firm was \$69,446.79 and the appraisal made by the committee was \$62,913.59.

The complete audit is on file and available for the use of the General Synod, but the Executive Committee submits to the General Synod the following summaries:

Financial position: The following comparative balance sheets as at April 30, 1937, and April 30, 1936, show the changes in assets and liabilities during the year ended April 30, 1937:

ASSETS		April 30, 1937	April 30, 1936	Increases	Decreases
Cash on hand and deposits in banks	\$	437.58	\$ 191.02	\$ 246.56	
Accounts receivable, net of reserves		8,156.13	11,742.16		3,586.03
Inventories, less reserve		44,446.79	61,985.55		17,538.76
Total current assets		53,040.50	73,918.73		20,878.23
Buildings and equipment		291,575.18	281,918.60	9,656.58	
Less Reserve for depreciation		98,857.86	88,951.94	9,895.92	
		192,717.32	192,956.66		239.34
Land		14,770.83	14,770.83		
Dwelling house and garages		3,403.46	3,410.36		6.90
Total fixed		210,891.61	211,137.85		246.24
Prepaid insurance, postage and sales tax		173.24	704.82		531.58
		264,105.35	285,761.40		21,656.05
LIABILITIES					
Notes payable		12,450.00	14,710.00		2,260.00
Accounts payable		16,302.13	13,561.80	2,740.33	
Accrued expenses		29,513.86	29,598.39		84.53
Total current liabilities		58,265.99	57,870.19	395.80	
Real estate taxes deferred		5,383.60		5,383.60	
Notes payable Board of Christian Education		18,960.43	24,960.43		6,000.00
First real estate mortgage payable		39,000.00	39,000.00		
Bonds payable		49,036.66	49,936.66		900.00
Annuity bonds		57,300.00	56,000.00	1,300.00	
Surplus		36,158.67	57,994.12		21,835.45
		\$264,105.35	\$285,761.40		\$21,656.05

The certified public accountant, Edwin W. Breyer's balance sheet for the year ending April 30, 1938, may be compared with the above.

A S S E T S

April 30, 1938

Cash on hand and deposits in banks.....	\$ 412.55
Accounts rec., net of reserves	8,069.79
Inventories, less reserve	44,460.44
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 52,942.78
Buildings and Equipment	\$300,865.30
Less: Reserve for Deprn.	107,118.19
	\$193,747.11
Land	14,770.83
Dwelling house and garages.....	3,403.46
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$211,921.40
Prepaid Insurance, postage, etc.....	\$ 1,058.46
	\$265,922.64

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable	\$ 9,700.00
Accounts Payable	14,639.87
Accrued Expense	22,271.78
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 46,611.65
Real Estate taxes deferred	4,833.18
Notes Payable—Board of Christian Education....	12,960.43
First real estate mortgage	39,000.00
Bonds Payable	48,736.66
Annuity Bonds	54,300.00
Surplus	59,480.72
	\$265,922.64

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended April 30, 1937

Sales		\$117,658.16
Cost of sales:		
Inventory beginning of period	\$ 61,985.55	
Purchases	64,922.40	
Direct labor	23,047.72	
Overhead	4,655.94	
	<u>154,611.61</u>	
Less, Inventory end of period	69,446.79	85,164.82
Gross profit		<u>32,493.34</u>
Operating expenses:		
Manager's salary	2,500.00	
Office salaries	4,414.90	
Shipping wages	2,737.99	
Retail store wages	970.00	
Advertising	944.06	
Traveling	232.63	
Auditing	350.00	
Shipping supplies	583.17	
Telephone and telegraph	384.99	
Contributions	161.51	
Postage	1,654.83	
Legal and miscellaneous	1,156.29	
Automobile	181.81	
Bad debts	201.95	
Insurance	201.95	
Taxes	5,508.97	
Sales tax	48.40	
	<u>23,031.18</u>	
Profit from operations before other income and deductions and depreciation.....		<u>9,462.16</u>
Other income:		
Donations	7,958.03	
Rents received	301.50	
Discount earned	24.06	
Miscellaneous	1.56	
	<u>8,285.15</u>	
Profit before other deductions and depreciation		<u>17,747.31</u>
Other deductions:		
Interest on notes and mortgages payable....	4,740.40	
Interest on long term debt and annuity bonds	5,824.75	
Discount allowed	12.95	
	<u>10,578.10</u>	
Profit before depreciation	7,169.21	
Depreciation	9,895.92	
Net loss	\$ 2,726.71	

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
APRIL 30, 1936, 1935, 1934, 1933, and 1932

ASSETS	1936	1935	1934	1933	1932
Current:					
Cash on hand and deposits in banks	\$ 191.02			\$ 420.39	\$ 933.69
Notes receivable			\$ 948.00	900.00	900.00
Accounts receivable, net of reserve for bad debts, etc.	11,742.16	\$13,113.06	26,271.04	21,688.33	21,670.13
Inventories	61,985.55	63,255.03	107,325.56	102,676.65	104,515.82
Total current	73,918.73	76,368.09	134,544.60	125,685.37	128,019.64
Fixed:					
Buildings and equipment	281,918.60	279,852.98	290,490.31	282,489.05	281,578.77
Less Reserve for depreciation	88,961.94	82,377.73	56,175.82	56,175.82	56,175.82
	192,956.66	197,475.25	234,314.49	226,313.23	225,402.95
Land	14,770.83	14,770.83	14,770.83	14,770.83	14,770.83
Dwelling house & garages	3,410.33	3,410.36	3,410.33	3,403.46	3,403.46
Total fixed	211,137.85	215,656.44	252,495.68	244,487.52	243,577.24
Prepaid insurance, postage and sales tax	704.82	1,057.37	170.55	215.78	41.50
Total assets	285,761.40	293,081.90	387,210.83	370,388.67	371,638.38
LIABILITIES					
Current:					
Bank overdraft		126.30	1,104.44		
Notes payable, bank, with second mortgage as collateral	9,000.00	12,000.00	13,550.00	15,400.00	17,600.00
Notes payable, others	5,710.00	7,494.00	8,595.00	4,200.00	4,650.00
Accounts payable, trade	12,761.80	11,749.16	17,251.67	51,462.90	32,826.56
Accounts payable, Mid-West Synod	800.00	800.00			
Wages accrued	7,545.93	9,974.40	12,335.81		
Taxes accrued	13,819.00	8,717.39	5,281.70	1,043.88	530.50
Interest accrued	8,233.46	5,528.66	2,454.10	1,809.95	1,834.68
Total current	57,870.19	56,389.91	60,572.72	73,916.73	57,441.74
Notes payable, Board of Christian Education	24,960.43	30,960.43	36,960.43		
First real estate mortgage payable	39,000.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	39,000.00
Bonds payable	49,936.66	49,936.66	63,136.66	63,136.66	62,386.66
Total liabilities	171,767.28	176,287.00	199,669.81	176,053.39	158,828.40
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS					
Annuity bonds	56,000.00	56,195.00	43,945.00	44,445.00	43,945.00
Endowments			100.00	14,905.13	15,125.61
Surplus	57,994.12	60,599.90	143,496.02	134,985.15	153,739.37
Total capital and surplus	113,994.12	116,794.90	187,541.02	194,335.28	212,809.98
Total liabilities, capital and surplus	\$285,761.40	\$293,081.90	\$387,210.83	\$370,388.67	\$371,638.38

The plan recommended by the Committee of Twelve, adopted by the Executive Committee, and approved by the Board of the Central Publishing House, was submitted to the four owning Synods—Ohio, Northwest, Mid-West and Eastern—and has been approved by them, at their regular annual meetings, as follows:

1. That the General Synod take over the Central Publishing House.
2. That for the next few years, while the Synods owning Central Publishing House still exist, they continue the payment of

interest on annuity agreements proportioned as at present and after they are dissolved, the General Synod assume such payments.

3. That the General Synod assume the bonded indebtedness of Central Publishing House (which in effect are serial notes amounting to \$49,036.66 as of April 30, 1937).

The Executive Committee recommends that the General Synod, through the Board of Business Management, which is to be formed after the adoption of the new Constitution, and on which the Central Publishing House should be represented, determine the future status of the Central Publishing House.

3. YOUTH WORK AND YOUTH ORGANIZATION

The General Synod at its meeting in Fort Wayne in 1936 authorized its Executive Committee "to initiate a study of the needs of youth in the united Church to discover the nature of youth organization which is required to meet the needs."

The Executive Committee appointed the following five persons to make such a study: Rev. William F. Kosman, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Prin. J. H. Eisenhauer, Reading, Pa.; Rev. Armin F. Dexheimer, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Kenneth Oetzel, St. Louis, Mo.; Prof. Nevin C. Harner, Lancaster, Pa. Mr. Dexheimer was prevented from serving by a serious illness, and Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler of Rochester, N. Y., was appointed to take his place. With the consent of the members of the committee, Rev. Fred D. Wentzel, the newly appointed Director of Youth Work of the united Church, was invited to sit with the committee as an advisory member. On occasion, Mr. A. R. Keppel and Rev. T. C. Braun were also invited to sit with the committee to insure sufficient representation of the "E" experience and viewpoint.

Two meetings were held—on Nov. 6, 1937, and Jan. 29, 1938—both in Philadelphia. On the basis of these two meetings a tentative report was drafted, mailed to the members for suggestions, revised, and again submitted to them for final approval.

Our method of approach was to list as clearly as we could the problems involved in our study, and then consider these in the light of such relevant data as we could gather. We had at our disposal a statistical picture of the youth work at present in both the "E" and the "R" branches of our Church; the recent history of youth work in both churches; the trends in youth work in such denominations as the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal South, the Lutheran, the Presbyterian, and the Baptist Churches; and some advance findings of the American Youth Commission.

In the light of earnest consideration of the problem at hand, we have formulated the following suggestions for a youth organization to serve the needs of our united Church.

ON THE DENOMINATIONAL LEVEL

That in the interests of proper unity and co-ordination the youth work of the Church be an integral part of the entire denominational program of Christian education.

This proposal is in keeping with the Constitution's definition of the functions of the new Board of Christian Education and Publication. "It shall be the duty of the Board of Christian Education and Publication to develop, promote and direct a comprehensive and unified program of Christian Education in the denomination, to the end that the tenets of the Christian religion may become the controlling principle of life. This program shall adequately provide for all the people of all the churches—children, youth and adults."

This proposal is also in accord with the growing practice of the denominations. For example, the Methodist Episcopal Church formerly had an Epworth League Board and a Board of Christian Education. These two are now merged. The Methodist Episcopal Church South at one time had a Sunday School Board, an Epworth League Board, and a Board of Christian Education. These three are now merged into one Board.

This proposal need not mean at all that youth work be relegated to a subordinate place. Neither need it mean that the youth program is to be dictated from above down, with Evangelical and Reformed Youth and their leaders denied a share in the building of the program. To safeguard this latter point, as well as to achieve other desirable ends, it seems wise to plan for periodical youth congresses for the entire denomination (such as the one held at Lakeside last summer). Each successive Congress might well elect a Youth Cabinet (as was done last year) to represent the mind of the youth and youth leaders of the Church in the preparation of a program of youth work.

That the national youth program assume the form of a loosely knit fellowship rather than a closely knit organization.

Specifically, this would mean that no one stereotyped form of youth organization be superimposed upon our local churches; but rather each local church should be free to develop the type of youth organization which best fits its needs (with, of course, the proper guidance and suggestions from above) and these local units should be bound together in one great denominational fellowship. The reasons for this suggestion are two in number—the one theoretical and the other practical.

Theoretically, it is good for each local group of young people to develop its own life under guidance. Such an autonomous program promises to be worth more to the spiritual growth of young people than a strictly regimented program and organization. It is interesting to note that the general trend in youth work in other denominations is clearly in this direction.

Practically, we are almost driven to such a solution by the great diversity which characterizes our youth work at present. Some of our congregations have Evangelical Leagues; some have Girls' Missionary Guilds; some have Christian Endeavor Societies; some have organized young people's departments in their Sunday-schools; some have no youth organizations at all. It seems best to encourage each congregation to continue from where it now is in its youth work, develop and reshape its organization in the light of the best guidance possible, and then to offer each local unit a chance to affiliate with a denomination-wide fellowship.

This affiliation may take the form of subscribing to a carefully and democratically prepared statement of belief and purpose, and receiving in return a charter to be publicly displayed in the local church. One great denomination (the Congregational) has successfully used this plan.

The guidance to be offered each local group can be conveyed through the pages of *Youth*, the denominational quarterlies and age-group periodicals, conferences within each Synod as well as for the denomination as a whole, personal contacts with the Youth Director, and perhaps the preparation of bulletins or a Youth Kit offering flexible yet specific suggestions for organizing youth work in the local church and building a vital program.

ON THE SYNODICAL LEVEL

As the new Synods are formed, there shall be in each Synod a form of youth organization which shall reproduce in miniature the denominational set-up.

This would mean that the youth work of each Synod be an integral part of the synodical program of Christian education. It would fall logically, therefore, under the supervision of the Committee on Christian Education and Publication of each Synod.

We visualize, then, a synodical youth fellowship in each Synod. This fellowship would hold a conference at least annually. Its governing body would be a synodical youth cabinet, made up (1) of several members of the Synod's Committee on Christian Education and Publication and (2) of representatives elected by the annual conference of the synodical fellowship.

If such synodical youth fellowships can be successfully set up throughout the Church, they will immeasurably stimulate the youth work of each local church and at the same time provide channels linking denominational youth headquarters with the youth of every church.

ON THE LOCAL CHURCH LEVEL

It was not our province to go into this matter in detail. However, certain guiding principles emerged in our discussions which commend themselves strongly.

- A. As previously stated, *no stereotyped form of organization should be rigorously fastened upon every church*; rather each church should begin where it now is, and develop its youth work in the light of its own peculiar needs with adequate guidance from the denomination.
- B. *In each church the youth work should be an integral part of the total life of that church and should have as its primary objective the integration of youth into the tradition and cultus, the loyalties and faith of the Christian Community.* This involves a close relationship of the young people of each church with the minister, the church services, the consistory or church council, the other auxiliaries of the church, and the periodic emphases of the local church: Perhaps the proposed congregational cabinet will help to effect this intimate relationship within each church. If the youth study topics can be synchronized with the emphases in men's and women's work as well as general denominational emphases, this will tend to further the same end.
- C. *In each church there should be a large measure of unity in the youth program.* Where there are several youth organizations in one church, a young people's council made up of representatives from each may help effect such unity.

IN RELATION TO INTER-DENOMINATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMS

Briefly stated, we feel our attitude ought to be one of full co-operation through participation of our youth and youth leaders in interdenominational youth ventures, with, however, no infringement of our right to promote a vigorous program of our own.

Furthermore, our youth leaders who participate in formulating plans for interdenominational youth programs should make every effort to have the number of areas in which interdenominational and denominational youth work parallel and overlap each other reduced to the minimum.

SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING PROGRAM

Although it was not our primary purpose to consider program, but rather organization, certain suggestions as to program did emerge in our discussion. For instance, we feel that there is a definite need for a continuance of specific suggestions from headquarters for weekly study topics. These topics should include both those dealing with the practice of Christian ethics in social, industrial and political relationships and those dealing with the genius and doctrines of Christianity, the lives of the heroes and saints of the faith and the significant epochs in the history of the Christian Church as well as those dealing with the meaning of a genuine worship experience. The need was also felt for suggested worship services. However, such materials ought not to be considered binding upon local groups.

Finally, our survey of the youth situation revealed certain frequently neglected groups for whom special provision might well be made in the future. These are: the student group; employed youth; rural youth; intermediates; young adults; and the unemployed out-of-school group.

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4. SPIRITUAL LIFE AND EVANGELISM

The Executive Committee reported to the General Synod in 1936 the steps that had been taken to constitute a Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism to function until the General Synod provides otherwise. This was approved by the General Synod. The Executive Committee had overtured the Committee on Constitution and Charter to provide for a Commission on Spiritual Life and Evangelism. In the Constitution there is provision for a Commission on Evangelism, to be elected by the General Synod.

The Executive Committee recommended five persons to constitute the committee and they were elected by the General Synod. The Executive Committee provided a budget not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars annually for the work of this committee. Only a small part of this amount was used each year. The report of the committee follows:

Your Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism consists of five members as follows: Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Rev. Fred C. Schweinfurth, Rev. L. V. Hetrick, Rev. Clyde Koehler, and Mrs. Ida Pauley.

During the biennium the Committee held three meetings. At its first meeting, September 22, 1936, at Pittsburgh, it organized by electing Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Chairman, and Rev. Fred C. Schweinfurth, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Committee sought to integrate the work and methods of Evangelism prevailing in the two groups. Existing organizations, District, Classical and Synodical Committees on Evangelism are to be utilized in getting the suggestions and the program of the Committee before our entire constituency.

The Committee encouraged pastors to cooperate with the National Preaching Mission in their respective communities and observe Eight Day Preaching Missions in their local congregations.

Lenten Devotional pamphlets for 1937 and 1938 were prepared and more than 100,000 copies of each were sold, which practically paid for the same.

The Committee formulated a program for 1936-37 and for 1937-38, stressing Church attendance, winning youth and winning others to

Christ. A Suggested Program for a Two Weeks' Spiritual Crusade within Local Church was prepared and sent to the pastors.

The Committee feels the need of a brief pamphlet setting forth the History and Doctrinal Position of the United Church. An opportune time to review the past history of the two bodies that have formed the union and to project an advance program for the future is offered in the year 1940 when the Evangelical Synod of North America is completing the first one hundred years of its history and the Reformed Church in the United States 215 years of its organized existence in this country. The year also marks the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of work among the Hungarians in America, a large constituency of which merged with the Reformed Church in 1921. These historic anniversaries might well form the occasion for a united celebration and thereby familiarize the entire constituency of our rich heritage, and challenge the Church under its new organization to go forward to bigger and better things.

The Committee sustains close relationships with the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council and with the Correlating Council of Adult Education of our Church. The Committee is formulating plans to conduct one day conferences on Evangelism prior to the convening of the Synods in the spring of 1939. The work of Evangelism is of such vital significance in the life of the Church that every encouragement should be given to the Committee to carry forward its task with the greatest possible effectiveness.

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5. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Executive Committee recommends that the Evangelical and Reformed Church celebrate in 1940 the Centennial of the Evangelical Church Union of the West.

It also recommends that the historical anniversaries named by the Committee on Spiritual Life and Evangelism be observed.

6. WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER, UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL FOR LIFE AND WORK, AND ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES

The Executive Committee in 1935 appointed five representatives of our Church at the meeting of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work to be held in Oxford, England, in 1937, and the same five representatives at the Second World Conference on Faith and Order to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1937. The Executive Committee recommended to the General Synod of 1936 that these persons be officially appointed and that \$150 be paid toward the expenses of each of those attending. The General Synod adopted the recommendation. It was found later that not all of those chosen could attend. Moreover, the selection of alternates was requested. Dr. Nevin C. Harner was chosen by the Executive Committee in the place of Dr. Allan S. Meek. Professor Carl E. Schneider, Drs. H. H. Ranck and James Ranck, and Rev. H. T. Vriesen were appointed as alternates and attended some of the sessions.

The Executive Committee authorized Chairman Richards to appoint delegates to the meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System, held at Montreal, Canada, June 23 to 30, 1937, in addition to our elected delegates, with the understanding, however, that all persons attending this conference pay their own expenses.

7. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

The report of the Committee on Christianity and Social Problems to the 1936 General Synod included a recommendation "That the General Synod recognize the members of the Commission on Social Service and the members of the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems as constituting a provisional Commission on Christian Social Action, and that the General Synod appropriate five thousand dollars per annum from its Contingent Fund until the commission provided for in the proposed Constitution be inaugurated." The General Synod did not adopt this recommendation but referred it to the Executive Committee.

At its first meeting the Executive Committee had before it communications from officers and members of the commissions that had been functioning. The Executive Committee agreed that the members of both commissions should function during the biennium as the Commission on Christian Social Action, but should report to the Executive Committee at each of its meetings. The Executive Committee voted to pay the expenses of the commission in a sum not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars each year, with the suggestion that not more than one thousand dollars be spent for literature and not more than five hundred dollars for other expenses. The Executive Committee informed the commission that this agreement was on the condition that caution be used in the publication of literature which must have the sanction of the entire commission. Throughout the biennium the commission protested that it should have freedom of action and should have a budget of its own, as much as five thousand dollars per year, paid monthly. The Executive Committee repeated its actions regarding paying the expenses of the commission within the limits of the amount stipulated and also regarding care in issuing announcements to the Church.

The commission incurred quite modest expenses. It issued pamphlets and leaflets which met with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee did advise that certain articles be not published and the commission agreed.

The Executive Committee recorded its judgment that all pronouncements of all of its commissions should be presented to the General Synod or, in the interim, to its Executive Committee before publication.

The Executive Committee invited the Commission on Christian Social Action to formulate a statement of principles and judgments on Christian Social Action, reflecting the standpoint of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, on the basis of the teachings of Jesus Christ and present it to the General Synod. The report of the commission has been printed for submission to the General Synod.

8. COMMITTEES ON HYMNAL AND ON BOOK OF WORSHIP

The General Synod of 1934 "referred with power" to the Executive Committee "the preparation of a New Hymnal and Book of Worship." The Executive Committee, through two special committees, canvassed the entire situation and then elected a Committee to prepare a Hymnal and another Committee to prepare a Book of Worship. These two committees made preliminary reports to the General Synod in 1936 and became committees of the General Synod.

During the past two years the Executive Committee has received overtures from a number of Classes and one Synod, asking that the new Hymnal of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., with necessary changes and additions, be adopted for our own denominational use, instead of a hymnal that might be compiled by the Committee on Hymnal. The Executive Committee took no action on these overtures but referred all of them to the Committee on Hymnal.

9. UNIFICATION OF AGENCIES

At the time of the appointment of the Executive Committee, the General Synod in 1934 took action "That the function of the Executive Committee shall be especially to promote the work of the Church and to expedite the correlation and unification of the hitherto separate agencies and activities." During the succeeding two years much progress in unification was made and was reported to the General Synod two years ago. The Executive Committee has kept in touch with all of the Boards and agencies and has requested that its Chairman or someone appointed by him attend all merger meetings of Boards and agencies. It also requested that copies of the Minutes of all meetings be sent to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and that announcement of the times of their meetings be sent to them. The Executive Committee also requested that all plans for unification or merger of Boards or agencies be submitted to the Executive Committee. It was thus possible to keep in touch with and to encourage merger movements and help keep them in line with what is provided in the Constitution and planned by the General Synod.

The men's work of the Church was united on August 18, 1936, by the merging of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League to form the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. This had been authorized by the General Synod in 1936. In the summer of 1936 the work of the Board of Christian Education of the "R" group, of the Board of Religious Education of the "E" group, and of the Evangelical League was merged, with administrative offices in Philadelphia and editorial offices in St. Louis. The Boards of Foreign Missions of the two groups have each had representatives at the other's meetings and they have been functioning together to do certain work as a Board of International Missions. The two Boards of Home Missions have been cooperating and their Executive Committees have held several joint meetings. The Boards of Ministerial Pensions and Relief have held a number of joint meetings and worked out plans for the merging of their work. The Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod and the Evangelical Women's Union have been having ever-closer relationships and are arranging for a merger meeting to be held in November, 1939.

The Executive Committee approved the request of the Merger Commission that the Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church nurture a department of girls' guild.

10. THE BOARDS OF HOME MISSIONS

The following resolution was submitted to the Executive Committee of the General Synod at its meeting at Columbus, Ohio, on April 22, 1938, by the joint Executive Committees of the Home Missions and Church Extension Boards:

"Whereas the satisfactory solution of the financial problems involved in the merger of the Home Mission Boards and the Church Extension Fund Board requires additional time,

"The Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions of the 'R' group and the Board for Home Missions and the Church Extension Fund Board of the 'E' group jointly request the General Synod to postpone the merger of these Boards for another biennium and to authorize the present Boards to carry on their respective work separately and jointly as at present,

"And also to provide in the budget that the net receipts of these Boards through apportionment shall not be less than the amounts they are now receiving."

With the understanding that the Board of National Missions provided in the Constitution be elected and the present three Boards operate

under it, the *Executive Committee* voted to approve the resolution, and recommend it to the General Synod.

The *Executive Committee* also recommends to the General Synod that the personnel of these three Boards be continued for two years, and recommends the advisability of electing the twelve members of the Board of National Missions from the membership of the present three Boards.

11. UNIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

The correlation and unification of the work and activities of the Church have gone forward as rapidly as has proved possible in view of the fact that there have been separate Boards, each with its own administration, and separate Districts and Classes continuing their work and activities along former lines. The Committee on Correlation and Promotion has become a reality during these past two years. There has been a greater degree of general cooperative promotion and yet the Boards have had ample opportunity to continue their own independent promotion. Until there are united Boards, and until the new Synods are organized, we can hardly expect more correlation and unification of our work and activities. The following section records, at least in part, the work that has been done by way of correlation and promotion.

CORRELATION AND PROMOTION

At the merger meeting in 1934 the General Synod instructed the Executive Committee to constitute a Committee on Correlation and Promotion, which should include representatives of the Boards of the Church. It was first necessary to clear the ground and agree upon principles and methods of procedure. This was done in the first biennium and it became evident that much of the promotional work of the Boards and agencies could be done cooperatively. In the past biennium the committee was enlarged to include not only members of the Executive Committee and the executive secretaries of Boards and institutions, but also representatives of the men's and women's organizations and the commissions of the Church. The Executive Committee made the declaration that all promotional work should clear through the Committee on Correlation and Promotion. As has been noted in the preceding section, that could not be put into full effect under present conditions.

The committee met, usually twice a year. It has operated through three sub-committees, guided by the committee as a whole:

A. The Committee on Literature has published two issues of a little news sheet called *New Church News*, of each of which 250,000 copies were printed and 125,000 distributed in each group. The aim was to reach each of our two hundred and fifty thousand families with news regarding the Church and its work three times a year and this could be done at the expense of one cent for the three copies, printed and delivered to the pastors. The committee has arranged for a four-page, improved news sheet, with larger type, and the Executive Committee has approved the publication of the first issue on October 1st, next. Three booklets, one regarding Ministerial Pensions and Relief, another the educational institutions, and the third the benevolent institutions, similar to those on Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Christian Education published two years ago, have been projected, in order that our united Church may be well-informed regarding its work and its institutions. The committee published the booklet *The Evangelical and Reformed Church, What We Are and What We Do*. It has prepared the messages for the Offering Envelopes each year and will continue to do similar to those the "R" group has used for several years. Publication so. It will provide this fall a series of partly-printed Church Bulletins,

of a booklet, What I Should Know about My Church, is under consideration.

B. The Committee on Visual Presentation has prepared several stereopticon lectures. A new one, *Builders Together*, has just been completed and sets are available at both the Philadelphia and St. Louis offices of the Executive Committee. A moving-picture film is being completed and the committee is making a study of the possibilities of additional films. Posters, setting forth the work of individual Boards and departments, and also posters for the Kingdom Roll Call, have been produced. The committee prepared and mounted an exhibit of the denominational institutions and work, which has been used and is further available at meetings of Synods, Districts, Classes and congregations, at no cost except that involved in transportation. The committee has cooperated in the preparation of the Exhibit at this meeting of the General Synod.

C. The Committee on Field Work has operated with and through the Kingdom Service Committees of Classes and Districts. In consultation with them it has formulated plans and with them has endeavored to carry out these plans in the congregations of the Classes and Districts. A Kingdom Service Conference, of chairmen and other representatives of the committees of forty Classes and sixteen Districts, was held at Pittsburgh in September, 1936. An endeavor was made to coordinate and unify the work in the "E" and "R" groups as far as possible. Several of the sessions were held by groups in order to set the work forward most effectively. These Kingdom Service Committees, made up of volunteer workers, pastors and lay members, are as a whole deeply interested in the promotion of the denominational work and in Christian Stewardship and are efficient in carrying it to the congregations. The Committee on Field Work has been responsible for the plans for the annual Kingdom Roll Call. In cooperation with the Classical and District Kingdom Service Committees many conferences have been held of Roll Call directors, of members of consistories, pastors and lay members, of groups of congregations or of single congregations. Instruction and help has been given to make the Kingdom Roll Call successful. In the "R" group the Belmont Covenant Plan was used for six weeks in the fall of 1936 and a Temporary Tithing Plan was used in the last six weeks of 1937. In the "E" group emphasis on Stewardship and on tithing was given on several Sundays each year. The Committee on Field Work and the Committee on Correlation and Promotion approve in general of having the several Boards of the Church take a large part in conducting the field work to be done in behalf of the total work of the Church. All are agreed that the field work should be done, as provided in the Constitution, under the direction of the Committee on Correlation and Promotion of the General Council, which, in this matter, shall function in the Synods through Kingdom Service Committees. The Boards and agencies, which are to share in the expense of this promotion, will cooperate in the working out of the plans. A plan for the cultivation of the Synods by the several Boards and agencies is to be worked out and tried out. "Regional Workers' Conferences" are to be arranged for as soon as feasible. The Committee on Field Work is arranging for four conferences of Kingdom Service Committees this fall instead of one conference at a central point. These conferences are to be held in the East, the Ohio Valley, the Mississippi Valley, and the Far West. The Executive Committee has also voted that an intensive program of field work be planned and instituted, that the zoning plan for promotion be correlated with the work of the Kingdom Service Committees, and that a unified plan be worked out as soon as possible.

12. SPECIAL DAYS AND PERIODS

The General Synod referred to the Committee on Correlation and Promotion the fixing of the period for special emphasis on Ministerial Relief. That committee recommended and the Executive Committee approved of the period April 15 to May 9, 1937, and April 14 to May 8, 1938, for this cause.

During the biennium a very careful study was made of this entire subject of Special Days and Periods. The Executive Committee recommends to the General Synod the adoption of the following schedule of Special Days and Periods:

International Missions—January 6th to 2nd Sunday in February
Stewardship—January 1st to March 15th
Evangelism and Self-Denial—The Season of Lent
Christian Education—May 15th to the 2nd Sunday in June
Ministerial Pensions and Relief—The Month of September
National Missions—The Month of October
Church Paper Day—Last Sunday in October
Kingdom Roll Call—3rd and 4th Sundays in November

Continuation

The Executive Committee has authorized the present Committee on Correlation and Promotion to function until the Committee on Correlation and Promotion provided for in the Constitution is established and is ready to function.

13. THE NEW SYNODS (revised)

The Executive Committee has kept in close touch with the Committee on Constitution and Charter and its work. The Committee on Constitution and Charter has followed the instructions of the General Synod of 1936 and arranged for the division of the Church into Synods. It held many conferences and has outlined approximately thirty-three Synods. The formation of these Synods has been approved by nearly all of the Classes and Districts and they have requested the General Synod to establish these Synods. The Executive Committee *recommends that the General Synod establish these Synods and take steps to organize them as soon as possible, and that the officers of the General Council make the necessary arrangements.*

The Committee on Constitution and Charter was requested to work out a plan to be submitted to the General Synod whereby the *traveling expenses of all of the Synods* shall be borne by the General Synod. The plan it proposes to submit would be to have each charge pay ten dollars to the treasurer of its Synod, before the meeting of the Synod, for the traveling expense (not including entertainment) of the pastor and the lay delegate. The Synodical treasurer would then pay the actual cost of travel for these two delegates of each charge and would send the balance to the Treasurer of the General Synod, who would use this balance to make up the amounts that would be needed by other Synods to cover expenses of the delegates of the charges over and above the ten dollars which each has already paid. The Executive Committee voted to approve the plan and recommend it to the General Synod.

14. STATISTICS

The General Synod authorized the Executive Committee to gather the criticisms regarding the statistics, study them, and make decisions as to what changes should be made for 1936 and 1937. The Executive Committee appointed a Committee on Statistics, which has included Stated Clerk Stein, Secretary Vieth and later Secretary Meyer, Secretary Lampe, Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck, and Dr. F. H. Rupnow. There had been a number of rubrics in the "E" statistical blanks that were not

in the "R" blanks and vice versa. When the two were combined a number of rubrics were dropped but certain ones of the one group were included for the combined tables and certain ones of the other. The customs have been different and some of these items are not yet understood by the other group. A constant effort is being made to reduce the number of questions asked and the amount of information requested. The statistics for the year ending December 31, 1936, were published, by the offset process, in a booklet of one hundred pages. The volume was bulky but far less expensive than letter-press printing would have been. The Executive Committee finally voted not to print the statistics for 1937. Dr. Meyer was made responsible for securing the statistics for the "E" group and Dr. Stein those for the "R" group. Stated Clerk Stein was instructed to make all compilations and combinations and be responsible for the statistics as a whole. Beginning this year the same system will be used in the Almanac for reporting the statistics of the two groups and a summary will be given for the entire denomination.

The Executive Committee requests further suggestions and criticisms from every quarter and awaits further instructions from the General Synod on the matter of statistics.

15. PUBLICITY

Secretary Lampe was made responsible for releasing announcements and information regarding progress in denominational matters. The Church has been kept informed regarding the activities of the Executive Committee, of the progress made on the Constitution and on other general denominational matters. There was a special Kingdom Roll Call number of the Church papers last November, and a special Stewardship number last January. One of the "R" ministers has translated articles for the *Kirchenzeitung* and the *Friedensbote*. Occasional releases have been made in certain sections of the Church regarding more or less local denominational matters. There is a great field here that would help the Church as an institution, and our own Church in particular. One thing we need for this is a ready file of biographical information and photographs that can be used in local newspapers and by news agencies like the Associated Press. It is exceedingly difficult, however, to extract this information from pastors, laymen and lay women.

News regarding the meeting of the General Synod would be interesting to the members of our churches all over the country. There is on file a list of eight hundred and seventy-one newspapers, one or more in every city and town where there is either an "E" or an "R" church. These are divided into three sections—dailies in cities where we have large memberships, other dailies, and weeklies. Columbus is a great convention city and the large denominations which have met there during the past few years have received comparatively little local publicity. It is far more important that we reach the newspapers in the outlying cities and towns. An attempt to do that is being made.

16. THE CONTINGENT FUND

The General Synod instructed the Executive Committee to include in the Budget for Contingent expenses for the year 1937 and the year 1938 all of the items authorized by the General Synod and determine the amounts needed for the other items which have hitherto been included in the Contingent Fund, and fix the amount of the Contingent Apportionment for each of these two years, with the understanding, however, that it should not exceed eight cents per member in either year. The General Synod made the Executive Committee responsible for the preparation, collection and administration of the Contingent Fund Budget. It voted that the balance in the Contingent Fund of the "R" General Synod, including the balance in the closed bank and the amounts collected by the Executive Committee on the deficits to December 31, 1935, be used

to pay the salary of the Stated Clerk and his assistant and office expenses and other distinctively "R" items until the next meeting of the General Synod. If these amounts should not be sufficient, the Executive Committee should provide whatever additional amount may be needed for these purposes.

For 1937 and for 1938 the Executive Committee fixed an Apportionment of four and one-half cents per member on the entire membership of both groups for the Contingent expenses of the General Synod. The distinctively "E" administrative expenses were added to its General Synod apportionment and have been included in the Synodical Treasury item. The "R" part of the Executive Committee expenses was covered by an Apportionment of two and one-half cents per member in 1937 and three and one-half cents per member in 1938, so that the total "R" Apportionment for General Synod Contingent Fund was seven cents per member in 1937 and eight cents per member in 1938. It has been possible to defray the expenses of the "R" General Synod office until this meeting of the General Synod by using the balance in the treasury two years ago, the payments of deficits by a Synod and Classes, and the return of loans.

Two years ago the Eastern Synod had a deficit on the Contingent Fund for the period ending December, 1929, of \$1,119.99, and the Potomac Synod a deficit of \$1,355.91. The General Synod voted to make a last appeal to these two Synods to pay these Contingent Fund deficits, but to cancel any amount not paid by December 31, 1937. The Eastern Synod paid the total amount of its deficit. The Potomac Synod, however, failed to pay any part of its deficit. Until 1929, when the fiscal year was changed and the system of apportioning the General Synod Contingent Fund to the Classes instead of the Synods was adopted, all of the Synods except the Potomac Synod accepted the responsibility for the Apportionments of their Classes, collected them from their Classes and paid them in full to the General Synod's treasury. The Potomac Synod, however, would not accept this responsibility, maintaining that it belonged to the Classes, did not collect the amounts from its Classes during the years 1926 to 1929, and thus this deficit was incurred. Some of the Classes of Potomac Synod paid through the Synodical treasury, but some of them fell short. One Classis, Mercersburg, paid \$180 into the Synodical treasury, which remained there, and this amount has been charged and is charged today on the General Synod Treasurer's books to Mercersburg Classis. As it has not been possible to secure any part of this \$1,355.91 from the Potomac Synod nor of the \$180 paid into its treasury by Mercersburg Classis, the General Synod, in accord with its resolution of 1936, must cancel this unpaid deficit of Potomac Synod and also the amount charged against Mercersburg Classis.

After the meeting of the General Synod two years ago, twenty-three Classes were reported to be in arrears on the General Synod Contingent Fund, in the amount of \$16,561.47. The General Synod in 1936 took action that the Contingent Fund is an obligation that should be paid in full. The Executive Committee expressed the judgment that the Contingent Fund is an obligation that would be legally collectible, but of course the Church should never take action of that kind. Since then the Classes have been faithful and prompt in paying this obligation. For 1937 fifty-five of the fifty-six Classes paid the General Synod Contingent Fund Apportionment in full and the one remaining Classis paid part and is about to make payment of the balance. One Classis after the other has wiped out its deficit of former years and all of the Classes still having deficits have taken steps to make payments on them. The following deficits are still outstanding, as of April 12, 1938:

Classis	1930-32	1933-34	1935-36	1937	Totals
Lancaster	\$ 590.03				\$ 590.03
East Susquehanna ...	272.42				272.42
West Susquehanna....	1,215.09	\$ 616.54			1,831.63
Eastern Hungarian	448.68	156.25	\$ 149.63		754.56
German Philadelphia	130.76	54.73	65.64		251.13
West Canada			83.38		83.38
Westmoreland		664.04	584.15		1,248.19
Somerset	375.00	182.98	264.05		822.03
Baltimore-Washington	340.00	306.95	306.83	\$94.12	1,047.90
West New York.....	1,286.04	23.64			1,309.68
Former Heidelberg (of the former German Synod of the East)	696.12	155.00			851.12
Former Manitoba	184.92	66.34	41.57		292.83
Former Western Hun- garian	928.20				928.20
Totals.....	\$6,467.26	\$2,226.47	\$1,495.25	\$94.12	\$10,283.10

West Canada Classis made an overture to the General Synod two years ago, which did not reach the General Synod, requesting the remission of its deficit of \$83.38. The Heidelberg Classis of the former German Synod of the East, the Manitoba Classis, and the Western Hungarian Classis are no longer in existence, having been merged with other Classes or divided to form new Classes. The Executive Committee feels it necessary to recommend that the deficits of these four Classes be cancelled.

During the depression the Board of Home Missions borrowed \$2,812.89 from the "R" General Synod Contingent Fund. The Executive Committee asked for the return of this amount and agreed that no interest would be charged if it were repaid by the end of 1937. The Board of Home Missions has repaid all but \$1000 of the loan.

The Evangelical Synod Treasury has made itself responsible for the Apportionments on the General Synod Contingent Fund to the Districts and has paid them in full each year. Some of the Districts are in arrears, however. *The Executive Committee wishes the General Synod to call the attention of all congregations, Districts and Classes to the fact that the General Synod Contingent Fund is payable in full.*

The Executive Committee recommends that the name for the Contingent Fund be changed to "Administration Fund."

17. BUDGETS AND APPORTIONMENTS

The Executive Committee has been watching carefully and has been much concerned over the low receipts from the Classes and the Districts on the amounts apportioned for the denominational work. Appeals have been made and every possible effort put forth to increase the receipts, but economic conditions have been unfavorable and our members appear to have been unwilling to make sacrifices for the advancement of the Kingdom. The indebtedness for the work of the Boards and institutions of both groups has been materially decreased during the past biennium, but the debts have been paid only in part. The Boards have been able to balance their budgets during these two years without incurring new debts, but this has been at the price of keeping the work at a standstill or even retrenching.

The Executive Committee has been charged with responsibility for receiving the budgets of the Boards and submitting them to the General Synod with recommendations. The Executive Committee feels that although much larger amounts are needed, this is not the time to increase the benevolent Apportionments.

Following out the instruction of the General Synod two years ago, the Executive Committee appointed a strong committee to consider the matter of a denominational Budget and methods of apportioning it. This committee submitted recommendations which were approved by the Executive Committee and are herewith submitted to the General Synod:

That a unified Budget, except as related to educational institutions, be prepared and submitted to the General Synod to go into effect for the year 1939.

That the following causes be included in the unified Budget:

1. National Missions
2. International Missions
3. Christian Education and Publication
4. Ministerial Pensions and Relief
5. Educational Institutions
6. Auxiliary Organizations and Commissions

It is the judgment of the Executive Committee that the item "Educational Institutions" in the unified budgets shall be considered as a temporary provision and it shall be supervised by the Commission on Higher Education.

A UNIFIED BUDGET FOR 1939

Another committee, on Budgets, received the requests of the Boards and agencies, studied them and reported to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee amended that report and voted to recommend to the General Synod that the unified Budget for 1939 be as follows:

	"E"	Joint	"R"
Home Missions	\$108,000		
Interest	5,600		
Church Extension	20,000		
		\$133,600	\$350,000
Foreign Missions	204,552		
Interest	5,600		
		210,152	350,000
Christian Education	(28,500)		
Ministerial Relief		78,500	\$78,500 (\$50,000)
Church. Brotherhood	(3,000)		80,821
		5,500	(2,500)
Women's Union		2,000	(Responsibility for Cat-
Eden Seminary	41,000		tawba, Cedar Crest,
Interest	6,800		Heidelberg, Central
		47,800	Seminary, Lancaster
Elmhurst	67,000		Seminary and Mission
Interest	12,000		House to be allocated
		79,000	to the Synods to which
			they would logically
			and regionally belong)
Evangelism		2,500	
Social Action		2,500	
	\$551,052	\$89,000	\$780,821
		\$1,420,873	

Federal Council (from the Contingent Fund)		(The "R" items in the 1938 Budget are those listed above plus \$10,000 for Catawba Col- lege — a total ap- portioned by the General Synod to the Classes of \$843,321)
American Bible Society—commend to the liberality of congregations and individuals	\$4,800	

The Executive Committee makes the following recommendations to the General Synod:

Every congregation shall be requested to contribute from one to five dollars annually for emergency relief.

With regard to designations and special funds:

1. The payment in full of the benevolent budget of the Church is a primary obligation of every congregation. Congregations shall be encouraged and urged to make special gifts for designated causes; however, such gifts by congregations for chosen projects should be made only after the congregation's share of the benevolent budget of the Church for Kingdom causes has been paid in full.
2. All special funds, designated by congregations for particular purposes, shall be remitted by the Treasurer of the Church to the Boards or agencies for which the funds have been contributed.
3. Designated gifts, made by congregations which have not paid in full their share of the benevolent budget shall be applied to the payment of the designated item of the apportionment in lieu of budget support equal to the sum apportioned.
4. Special gifts contributed by individuals or organizations shall be sent directly to the treasurers of the Boards or agencies for which the gifts are designated. The treasurers of these Boards and agencies shall make annual reports of these specially designated gifts to the Treasurer of the Church.

That a guarantee of monthly pro rata payments to the Boards of the Church be established, using as a basis the amounts paid during the past year to the "E" Boards and the amounts received on their Apportionments by the "R" Boards during the past year.

That "Apportionment for Kingdom Service" be used instead of "Apportionment" or "Budget."

That the Administration Fund be kept separate from the benevolence budget and collected through the Synods from the congregations.

Method of Apportioning

The General Synod two years ago instructed the Executive Committee to "make a study of the methods of laying the Apportionment or Quota, including factors other than the per capita basis." The Executive Committee appointed a special committee of eight members to work in cooperation with the Committee on Correlation and Promotion and to report to the Executive Committee at each of its meetings. These committees studied the systems used by the other denominations and found that the Evangelical and Reformed Church is practically alone in using only membership as the basis for apportionment. A number of studies and computations were made of certain Classes, certain Districts and certain congregations, taking into account the membership, the contributions for congregational purposes for one or a number of years,

the gifts for benevolence for one or more years, the amount of property above indebtedness, the amount of indebtedness, etc. In the computations some of the items were given greater weight than others.

These committees and the Executive Committee are almost unanimous in the conviction that the per capita basis should be discarded and a method inaugurated that will be based on actual conditions in the Synods and in the congregations and that will encourage larger giving and the payment of a much larger percentage of the Budgets and Apportionments.

The committees also studied the differing conditions in the "E" and "R" groups. The Apportionments are not for the same causes in the two groups, the amounts for the several causes are not in the same proportions, the totals are not the same, and the "E" group pays a little more than sixty per cent of a smaller total while the "R" group pays about fifty per cent of a larger total. It may therefore be advisable that the amounts apportioned to congregations of the two groups be different for a time. The same method of apportioning to congregations of the two groups may, however, be used.

The Executive Committee therefore recommends

That the Apportionment be based on:

- a. *The congregational expenses, less amount paid on interest and principal of indebtedness for two years,*
- b. *The amount paid on the Apportionment for two years,*
- c. *The present membership, giving each of these three items equal value.*

That the Apportionments of the Budgets adopted by the General Synod be handed down to the Synods and through the Synods to the local congregations.

That for the sake of preserving sameness of form and technical accuracy the General Synod instruct its Secretary to compute the apportionment quotas of the congregations on the basis of the standard adopted by the General Synod. When received by the Kingdom Service Committees of the Synods, they shall distribute these quotas to the congregations of the Synods. If deemed necessary, the Kingdom Service Committee may revise congregational apportionment quotas either up or down, provided, however, that any revision be so adjusted that the sum total required of the Synod remains unchanged.

It should be understood, however, that the total amount for a Synod should be distributed to its congregations no matter what changes or adjustments in the amounts for the several congregations are made by the Synod. The democratic right of expression must be conserved for the Synods. They should be given this right collectively at a meeting of the Kingdom Service Committee Chairmen.

The computation of method of distributing the Budget is really applicable only to distributing the "E" Budget to "E" congregations and the "R" budget to "R" congregations. The problem of the distribution of the whole unified Budget is not solved on the basis of the computations. The Executive Committee therefore recommends *That in order to achieve a unified practice in adequate giving for Kingdom causes, the former Reformed congregations be urged to continue earnestly to raise as much as or more than they have paid in the past, taking the gifts for 1937 as a minimum; that, at the same time, the former Evangelical congregations be urged to seek earnestly to rise above the level of giving in the past, making every effort to pay more than in 1937.*

Only if and when both constituencies rise to a more adequate level of giving, in accord with the needs of the united Church and in accord with the spiritually dynamic recognition of their obligation toward their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, can the purpose of the merger be truly achieved.

This is the more necessary because our level of giving, prior to the merger, failed to care for the needs of the Church. Our Church is far down on the list of denominations in its giving to Kingdom causes.

18. CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is becoming increasingly important in all of the Protestant Churches throughout the world. The Stewardship of Possessions is just now central in the principles and practice of Christian Stewardship. The Committee on Stewardship and the Executive Committee are firm in the belief that Stewardship includes far more than the Stewardship of substance, or money.

Stewardship applies to all of life. We, with all that we are and all that we have, belong to our faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Although Stewardship means far more than money, our relation to our money is an acid test of our character and even of our Christianity. He who is not faithful as a Christian Steward in the acquisition, the use, and the giving of his money, is not likely to be a faithful Steward in aught else. This is one of the reasons why the Evangelical and Reformed Church, along with the other denominations, is at this time stressing especially the Stewardship of Money. The Church commends proportionate giving, but the proportion should be worthy of the giver. Apart from all legalistic considerations, the tithe, or the giving of ten per cent of the income, is a good working standard. Conditions in the Church and in the world today justify special emphasis upon the Stewardship of Possessions.

The Belmont Covenant Plan was widely used in the fall of 1936, and the Temporary Tithing Plan in the fall of 1937 to emphasize proportionate giving and tithing.

A recommendation was sent to the presidents of the three theological seminaries of our Church that they have courses on Stewardship in their departments of Practical Theology.

The Committee sent to all pastors, and to many others, the resolutions of the United Stewardship Council regarding "Raising Money" which condemn the raising of money by any questionable methods, such as card parties or lotteries. Approval was given to the general plan of the Women's Union to secure commitment to *Direct Giving* as the basis of support for the Church and Kingdom causes on the part of church organizations as such and of whole congregations.

There are Stewardship departments in the Women's Union, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Churchmen's Brotherhood. The Board of Christian Education is giving prominence to Stewardship in its entire educational program. The Committee on Stewardship includes representatives of these groups, pastors, and others, and is encouraging our entire membership to study and practice the principles of Christian Stewardship.

Commitment Form

For a year and a half the Committee considered a Stewardship Commitment Form similar to those in use in many of the other denominations. The following form was submitted to the Executive Committee which *recommends its approval to the General Synod.*

PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP

1. *God is the absolute owner of everything.*

This includes Life, Time, Talents, Possessions and Spiritual Resources.

2. *Man is a Steward, holding and administering that which he has as a sacred trust, and must account for everything that he has.*
3. *God's ownership and man's Stewardship are to be acknowledged by devoting unto the service of God a definite proportion of everything. (as interpreted in 1. above)*
4. *All the rest is to be treated as no less a sacred trust.*
 I am not my own, but with all that I am, and all that I have, belong to my Saviour Jesus Christ.

STEWARDSHIP ENROLLMENT

In loving loyalty to my Lord

1. I accept the principles printed on the reverse side and agree to study them further and apply them in my life.
- Check
- 2 ☐ 2. I agree to give one-tenth of my income to the service of God and the promotion of His Kingdom.
 - or
 - 3 ☐ 3. I agree to give% of my income to the service of God and the promotion of His Kingdom.

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 (The foregoing to be retained by the signer)

Most proportionate givers, with moderate incomes, begin with a tenth. Those with larger means might begin with a larger proportion. The proportion should increase as income increases. The Federal Income Tax exempts up to 15% of income given for purposes of religion, charity, etc.

Essay and Poster Contest

Many of the denominations have an annual Stewardship Contest. There have been some variations in it, but there has been such a Contest in the "R" group for sixteen years. For the past three years, the Stewardship Essay and Poster Contest has been a joint "E" and "R" project. Approximately seven thousand persons in our congregations and Sunday Schools, mostly young people, receive the packets of Stewardship material and three thousand or more of them write Essays or make Posters. The participants this year were in fourteen Districts and forty-six Classes. Nearly ninety per cent of them belong to the "R" group. All who write Essays or make Posters, and even those who receive and read the material but do not actually write Essays or make Posters, get something of the Stewardship message. They talk of Stewardship with their Sunday School teachers, parents, brothers and sisters and friends, and thus the message is spread. Many of the judges, congregational, Classical and denominational, have written expressing their pleasure over the value of this form of Stewardship teaching. The Committee believes that the Contest is a sound educational project which in the course of the years will help raise up a Stewardship-minded Church.

Stewardship Helps

A large quantity of Stewardship literature, dramatizations, charts, mottoes, coins, and other material for teaching the principles and practice of Christian Stewardship is available. The books and Diaries and certain pamphlets, the tithing coins, etc., are sold at cost price or less. A number of pamphlets and leaflets are furnished without charge.

19. STEWARDSHIP YEAR

The United Stewardship Council of the Churches of the United States and Canada recommends to all the denominations that the year 1940 be a "Stewardship Year," with the theme "Dedication of Possessions." It is recognized that there would be great value if all of the denominations were stressing Christian Stewardship concertedly, in a given year. This would be the steady presentation of the subject throughout a year and would not conflict with any other denominational or interdenominational program.

The Committee on Stewardship and the Executive Committee recommend that the General Synod express its approval of this proposed "Stewardship Year," and join with the other denominations in stressing Christian Stewardship in 1940.

20. RELIEF

A number of appeals for aid came to the Executive Committee. One, the flood of 1937, was an emergency. The "E" group has organization to meet such a condition and appealed immediately to the "E" congregations. They contributed approximately fifty thousand dollars, which amount was sufficient to restore the damaged "E" churches. The "R" group lost time in setting up a committee and making an appeal and only a few thousand dollars were received to assist the "R" congregations that had suffered.

Appeals were received from the Central Bureau of European Relief, from the Committee for Relief of German Christian Refugees, and for relief of others in Europe. President Richards and Vice President Goebel made appeals to congregations, to groups and to individuals, and they received and forwarded nearly one thousand dollars each year.

The Executive Committee feels that the General Synod should make provision for and perhaps establish some agency, or refer responsibility to some existing agency, to provide for relief in emergencies and also relief for the more or less continuing needs, like those of the Churches in Europe.

21. THE 1940 MEETING OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod in 1936 took the following action: "In order that the General Synod may avoid any difficulty in meeting in churches not able to offer adequate facilities, be it resolved: That, any invitations to the General Synod be submitted to the Executive Committee three months prior to the meeting of the General Synod; such invitations to be carefully considered by the Executive Committee and then submitted to the General Synod, with or without recommendations, to be then acted on by the General Synod." At this time the question whether invitations from hotels, resorts, etc., should be considered, was also referred to the Executive Committee.

In response to the announcement in the Church papers made by the Executive Committee that it would be pleased to receive invitations for the 1940 meeting, invitations were received from St. Paul's (Reformed) Church, Lancaster, Pa., and from Zion (Reformed) Church, Buffalo, N. Y., and also a tentative invitation from the Evangelical Churches of Evansville, Ind. A number of invitations were received from hotels and from convention bureaus.

The Executive Committee canvassed the situations in Lancaster and in Buffalo. Assurances have been given that the First Church and the institutions at Lancaster would cooperate with St. Paul's. *The Execu-*

tive Committee recommends that the General Synod accept the invitation of St. Paul's (Reformed) Church, Lancaster, Pa., for its 1940 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Committee of the General Synod

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Action on Foregoing Report

1. ON MATTERS REFERRED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD

II. The *Report of the Historical Commission* was tabled until the Commission reported.

See report of the Historical Commission.

IV. The Committee on *Closer Relations* was continued. The President of General Synod was authorized to appoint some one to take the place of Dr. Homrighausen.

2. ON CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

This entire report was referred to the General Synod's Committee on the Central Publishing House. See report of said Committee.

3. ON YOUTH WORK AND YOUTH ORGANIZATION

This matter, an order of the day for Saturday afternoon, was accordingly tabled. See Report of Committee on Youth Organization.

4. ON SPIRITUAL LIFE AND EVANGELISM was an order of the day for Monday. See Report of the Committee on Evangelism.

5. ON ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. The General Synod adopted the recommendation for the celebration proposed and referred the same to the General Council for specific plans and their accomplishment.

6. ON WORLD CONFERENCES, ETC. Was an order of the day for Monday. See Report of the Delegates.

7. ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION, scheduled as an order of the day for Monday evening. This section was referred to the Provisional Commission on Christian Social Action. See Report of the said Commission.

8. ON HYMNAL AND BOOK OF WORSHIP. Report of the Committees on these subjects the order of the day for Monday. See Reports of the respective Committees.
9. ON UNIFICATION OF AGENCIES. The General Synod voted to receive the contents of this section as information.
10. ON THE BOARDS OF HOME MISSIONS. This section was ordered marked "Already Attended To"—See Report of the Committee on Home Missions.
11. ON UNIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES. The General Synod voted to receive this section as information.
12. ON SPECIAL DAYS AND PERIODS. The recommendations of the Executive Committee in this section were adopted.
13. ON NEW SYNODS; for the action taken by the General Synod on the establishment of these Synods see the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Charter, pages — of these Minutes.

With reference to the travelling expenses to the New Synods—(see also the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Charter) the General Synod voted that the application and technique of the plan be referred to the General Council.

14. ON STATISTICS. This section was referred to the Committee on Statistics. See its report.

15. ON PUBLICITY. This section was adopted with a special expression of appreciation to Mr. H. W. Fry of the Editorial Staff of The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin for his valuable and efficient services.

16. ON THE CONTINGENT FUND. The General Synod, in accordance with the statements in this section, (a) authorized the cancellation of the *unpaid deficit* due from the Potomac Synod (\$1,355.91) and also the deficit due the General Synod from the Mercersburg Classis (\$180.00), paid into the Contingent Fund of the Potomac Synod instead of into the Contingent Fund of the General Synod;

(b) Authorized the cancelling of the indebtedness recorded in Treasurer Warner's Statement due from 1. Manitoba, \$292.83; 2. Heidelberg, \$851.12; and 3. Western Hungarian, \$928.20,—now no longer in existence; and also from 4. the West Canada Classis, \$83.38, for the reason stated in the Executive Committee's report on this subject.

(c) Directed that the 1937 General Synod Contingent Fund be paid in full also by the "E" Group.

(d) Instructed the Secretary of the Executive Committee to continue to collect all listed deficits.

(e) Called the attention of all the Congregations, Districts and Classes to the fact that the General Synod Contingent Fund is payable in full, and

(f) Recommended that the name for the Contingent Fund be changed to *Administration Fund*.

Each of the foregoing items of this section was adopted by vote of the General Synod.

17. ON BUDGETS AND APPORTIONMENTS. This section, scheduled as an Order of the Day for Tuesday, was referred by the General Synod to its Special Committee on Budgets and Apportionments with instruction to include the apportionment of \$10,000 for Catawba College.

18. ON CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP. This section was, on motion, approved by the General Synod.

19. ON STEWARDSHIP YEAR. The recommendation expressing approval of the proposed "STEWARDSHIP YEAR" and that our Church join with other denominations in stressing Christian Stewardship in 1940, was adopted.

20. ON RELIEF. This section was referred to the Special Committee on Budgets and Apportionments. See report.

21. ON 1940 MEETING OF THE GENERAL SYNOD. The recommendation of the Executive Committee to accept the invitation of the St. Paul's (Reformed) Church, Lancaster, Pa., was adopted.

On Saturday morning, the General Synod, in response to a special request from the Executive Committee, approved the Stewardship Conference to be held in Chicago, Nov. 1-3, 1938.

22. SUBSEQUENT RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) The appointment of a Committee on Resolutions.

Adopted.

(b) The reference of Items 49 and 56 from the Executive Committee to the Committee on Budgets and Apportionments.

Adopted.

(c) That all matters heretofore referred to the Executive Committee be henceforth referred to the General Council.

Adopted.

(d) That the officers of The General Synod take office at the end of the meeting and that the matters of salaries be referred to the General Council.

Adopted.

(e) That the General Synod make grateful recognition of the long and faithful services of Elder Milton Warner, Treasurer of the General Synod of the Reformed Church; that

it authorize him to continue as the Treasurer of the "R" Contingent Funds until all of these funds are received and disposed of with the approval of the General Council.

Adopted.

(f) On Wednesday morning the General Council, through its Secretary, presented the following resolutions, which were severally adopted by the General Synod.

1. The General Council recommends to the General Synod that the office of the Stated Clerk, including himself and his secretary, be continued and that he publish the Minutes of the General Synod, complete the compilation of the Statistics for 1937, and attend to whatever other work may be necessary, as directed by the General Council, and that all of these expenses be paid from the "R" General Synod Contingent Fund. If the payment of deficits of certain Classes and of the balance of the loan to the Board of Home Missions should be delayed, the necessary funds may be temporarily borrowed by the General Council from other "R" funds.

2. In compliance with the action of the General Synod the General Council has taken action that the officers of the General Synod shall take office on the first of July, the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer as full-time officers from that date, and, in the case of the President, his salary shall begin at the time his congregation releases him.

(g) The recommendation presented on Wednesday morning from the General Council that 6,500 copies of the Minutes of the General Synod be printed and that copies be mailed—one for each enrolled minister and one for each enrolled congregation.

Adopted.

(h) The recommendation, also presented on Wednesday morning by its Secretary, that the time for the meeting of the next General Synod be referred to the General Council.

Adopted.

4. Home Missions

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

The Board for Home Missions reviews its field with a profound and humble sense of gratitude toward God. Glad songs of praise ascend from hundreds of churches and thousands of lives to whom the good tidings of righteousness and joy and peace have come through home missionary activities. The Evangelical Synod was from the beginning very active in helping struggling churches and underprivileged groups into a stronger Christian fellowship. National Missions has made a noteworthy contribution to the life of this nation and to the unfolding of the Kingdom of God.

If our fathers did so well facing the world as it was in their day, what ought we to accomplish facing the world of to-day and to-morrow? Have we the necessary faith and zeal and understanding? We are free to admit that the program of national missions undertaken by the Evangelical and Reformed Church is in no wise commensurate with the needs and the opportunities confronting us. Thoughts of expansion are surely out of order as long as the present rate of giving among our membership maintains. Would not a true missionary concern, however, for the vast numbers of men and women still unreached release among us a rate of giving that would enable your Board for National Missions to undertake its fair share of the task of Christianizing America? It would require nothing more than the actual payment of the full budget as allowed in the previous General Synod and again requested at this time.

Christian convictions must be strong and warm if they are to reach the point of being missionary. Unless the modern man believes profoundly that personality is best kept alive in terms of the infinite, he will scarcely care to grapple with the brilliant and powerful secularism of our day. Unless his devotion to a spiritual God is clear enough to become passionate, he will hardly cross swords with the subtle forms of materialism that creep into every phase of life. It is not enough to hold our convictions safely and let the rest of the world go by. The very nature of our beliefs about God involve us in the Kingdom program of Jesus Christ.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

The present members of the Board are as follows: Rev. F. R. Darries of Indianapolis, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Buescher of Burlington, Iowa, Vice-Chairman; Rev. Charles Enders of Washington, D. C., Secretary; Rev. H. H. Lohans of Buffalo, N. Y., Treasurer; Rev. D. Baltzer of Houston, Texas; Mrs. Mae Friday Ashbrook of Cleveland; and Mr. Wm. H. Brown of Rochester, N. Y. These were elected or provided for in the General Conference of the "E" group at Cincinnati, Ohio, 1933. Each succeeding General Conference and General Synod continued the same persons in office. Of the nine persons originally in office, two have died, namely, Mr. Wm. D. Bobsin, and the former Chairman of the Board, the Rev. G. A. Schmidt. No new members were elected.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

The congregations and many individuals have supported the work of Home Missions in a measure that must call forth the sincere gratitude of every friend of the cause. We are convinced that there are many more persons in our churches who could be brought to a similar practice of regular and generous giving for missions. In spite of the greatly increased cost of living, we have not been able to reinstate the salary scale that applied in 1930. A normal growth of work in the Ozarks and elsewhere in the projects has been impossible, even though we gladly acknowledge that the Church has at last enabled us to maintain a very large part of our work right through the depression.

The treasurer's report for 1937 shows some increase over the previous year. There were more designations and more legacies. There were also a number of properties of defunct churches sold, making a reimbursement of the missionary treasury possible.

THE THANK OFFERING OF THE WOMEN'S UNION was again shared with the Home Mission Board, yielding a larger amount than in former years. The work of the Women's Union is done with intelligence and vision and there are many evidences that participation in the work of the Church on the part of the women is contributing very notably not only to the outward expansion of our program, but above all to the inward growth of our character as a Church.

STATISTICS FOR 1937

District	No. Projects	No. Workers	Church Members	Sunday-school Enrollment	Raised by Churches for Themselves	Raised by Churches for Benevolences	Subsidy from Board for Home Missions
Atlantic	6	6	652	550	\$ 10,150.46	\$ 991.69	\$ 3,270.50
California	6	5	500	452	12,801.71	796.91	5,455.33
Canada Mission ...	2	1	124	43	672.00	146.00	600.00
Colorado	10	6	674	594	7,895.85	1,002.86	4,953.32
Indiana	3	3	339	466	16,231.62	737.25	3,235.07
Iowa	2	2	185	155	1,008.06	89.07	595.45
Kansas	2	2	332	258	4,064.08	37.66	843.00
Michigan	5	4	662	561	11,000.18	924.68	5,576.65
Minnesota	6	4	399	191	3,778.38	350.45	4,426.60
Missouri	6	7	728	670	8,655.97	1,501.97	5,570.00
Montana Mission ..	2	2	307	150	1,918.99	574.97	1,376.00
Nebraska	8	6	663	444	6,235.59	724.40	4,340.45
New York	4	4	522	469	5,895.85	732.50	3,501.68
North Illinois	8	6	1,083	1,009	16,123.93	1,413.92	6,392.43
Ohio	4	3	461	642	7,686.31	701.42	2,370.00
Pacific Northwest ..	9	8	694	643	12,913.84	1,578.42	5,845.95
Pennsylvania	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southern	9	7	782	736	10,131.96	745.65	5,543.56
South Illinois	4	3	403	351	6,305.29	455.38	1,693.25
Texas	16	11	1,480	1,085	11,644.50	1,436.32	7,565.63
West Missouri	1	1	54	58	864.71	138.42	1,026.40
Wisconsin	1	1	141	121	1,991.73	220.92	907.50
Totals.....	114	92	11,185	9,648	\$157,971.01	\$15,300.86	\$75,088.77

THE WORKERS

There are 92 workers in the field. Just a few years ago there were considerably more. We are glad to report that many of these workers remain in Home Missions through a long period of time, for the love of the missionary ideal. The effort of the Board to overcome the tendency to crowd older men, who could no longer serve active churches, into Home Missions has borne results. An increasing number of the Church's able men are engaged in the work. At this point again, the influence of the District Boards has been of very great importance. The Central Board has in no case set aside the desires of the District Board, but has worked with these Boards in the choice of men. With a personnel of six serving on each of twenty District Boards, and a group of 92 workers, it would seem more easily possible to muster a very considerable volume of moral and financial support for the work this large group of men and women is doing. With only 1,000 ministers on our entire roll, we number among our home missions personnel 226, which is more than 20 percent.

It is becoming more and more important for every phase of the work to secure men of the very highest attainments. To place men of inferior judgment and consecration into a Volga German field invariably proves to be bad for the field and for the treasury of the Board. Only a well trained man, possessing considerable spiritual resources can hope to build up a strong work in one of the 60 missions we have in large cit-

ies. For the department of city missions your Board is eager to develop men who combine spiritual outlook with familiarity with the very noteworthy progress that has been made in the social sciences. Then, there is an urgent need for men who are willing to help solve the problem of the small church. American Protestantism has too many very small churches. One of the most inspiring things we might write of is the achievement of great souls in our Church who deliberately turned down flattering calls and took up the vexing problems of some small church that ought to become a useful church.

We call upon the Church to raise up young men who will heed the call of the field white unto harvest.

THE COUNTRY CHURCH

No nation and no denomination dare think lightly of its rural people. It is well known that nations throughout history have fared only as well as their peasant class. If the peasants were impoverished, ignorant, superstitious, the life of the nation would fall quickly to the same level. As long as the American farmer was the well known, sturdy frontiersman, insisting upon the little red school house, and planting colleges and churches throughout the country, the nation rose rapidly. The college was in the great majority of instances a church college. To-day, many forces conspire to weaken the country church. In some sections 78% of the rural people are discouraged tenant farmers. The number of share-croppers in the South is precariously large.

It should not be difficult for Evangelical and Reformed people to become very much interested in the country church, for we have so many good country churches. Our city pastors are glad to get members from good country churches. There has always been an influx of strong personalities from the country churches. The problem of the Mission Board has to do mainly with smaller churches that cannot maintain a helpful program without the aid of missionary support. Several of our mission fields in Oklahoma bear out the findings of the Home Missions Council. In an overwhelmingly Protestant population three fourths of the population are outside of the membership of any church. The average membership per rural church is 69 in this State. Out of 194 townships studied, 44 had no organized church within their boundaries. The problems of our Texas mission churches present a very similar picture. In this great State we have 19 missions.

CITY MISSIONS

The Board for Home Missions feels at this time it could perhaps make its best contribution in stimulating the missionary conscience of the Church in the larger cities. There are a number of centers where the Evangelical and Reformed Church is strongly represented. It is very necessary that the churches of the denomination in such centers should work with a good plan and with good co-ordination. The battle against secularism and materialism is so severe in the cities, and the number of lives that know nothing of the triumph of Christian faith is so large, that the financial and moral help of the entire denomination is greatly needed. For the country and for the Kingdom there is very much at stake in the cities.

One phase of city missions in which our Board has gathered considerable experience is the ministry in public hospitals, alms-houses and other eleemosynary institutions. In dealing with large numbers of broken and defeated lives, our missionaries find that each case differs and there must be wise counseling. In this department we looked with admiration upon the wise, untiring and always sympathetic work of the late Rev. J. W. Varwig. Through fifteen years he was indefatigable,

never failing to answer any call day or night; ever keeping his work well centered in the redeeming grace of Jesus Christ. He went to his eternal reward in December, 1937. Rev. H. P. Schultz has succeeded Rev. Varwig in this department. Since April 24, Rev. Raymond Frankenfeld is devoting full time to this work. Mr. Maronn of Eden Seminary is leading a number of students who are giving considerable time in this department. These men work in close co-operation with the seven full-time staff members of Caroline Mission. Each of our large city centers could well have city mission work adapted to its own genius and need.

THE SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Ozarks. The Ozark Auxiliary Committee met quarterly. Rev. J. H. Overbeck serves as Chairman. The reports of the Director, Rev. Paul A. Wobus, and the workers, Rev. Vincent W. Bucher and Rev. Zenith Yount, were read and acted upon. The committee made a number of trips to the field. The area under our care is large and the needs peculiar. It is an underprivileged rural section. As far as the energies of two full-time ministers can reach, the present program of preaching and teaching, of Folk School and Daily Vacation Church School has done a great deal of good. Rev. Bucher gave considerable time to guiding Shannondale residents in a valuable study of their economic situation. The co-operative association is a device by which we are trying to help the people meet jointly such educational, agricultural and business needs as they cannot meet as separate individuals. As yet we have not been able to make much progress in meeting the need for better care of health. In this department there should be an additional member of the staff, necessitating a larger appropriation from the Board.

A parsonage has been provided for the Shannondale minister out of money contributed through the Thank Offering of the Women's Union, together with some noteworthy gifts of the Woman's Missionary Society.

By action of the Central Board, the Ozark work now becomes a project of the Missouri District Board in the same sense as other supported projects.

Biloxi. A survey revealed that there is a population of 3,170 fishermen and sea-food workers and their families in the Back Bay region where our work is conducted in two locations. Church services and Sunday-school are held. But the clinic and the classes and clubs with the recreational program make the work to be more like that of a settlement. The project in the foreground at this time is the contemplated rebuilding and enlargement of the clinic and furnishing the same with necessary equipment. This mission is going forward hopefully under the able direction of Rev. Theodore H. Van Dyck and with the assistance of Mrs. Wm. F. McDonnell. The District Board with its Chairman, Rev. L. Schweickhardt, has done outstanding work in sharing the direction of this project with the Central Board.

Madeline Island - Pike River. Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Menger are steadily building up the confidence and loyalty of the two congregations, one at La Pointe and the other at Pike River. They render valuable Kingdom service beyond the membership of the little flocks, especially among the hundreds of vacationists on the Island during the Summer.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

The Board for Home Missions was very glad to join with other Boards in creating the Co-operative Council of Missionary Education. The functions of the Council are described elsewhere in this book of reports. The Director of the Council, the Rev. D. D. Baker, has worked in helpful co-operation with this Board, and we bespeak for Rev. Baker

and for the Missionary Education Council a warm welcome in all our churches. Since Dr. Paul A. Menzel and Rev. Wm. Dresel started a missionary education department a dozen years ago, the "E" group of the Church has been envisioning the possibilities of this kind of co-ordinated effort ever more clearly and is very glad to see the objectives of these sainted leaders much more nearly realized than under any other set-up we have had.

Home Mission courses were presented in the Leadership Training Schools each Summer. Study courses in individual churches were encouraged and aided. The usual practice of promoting the current study subject of the Missionary Education Movement was interrupted for the year of 1937, in which year the very valuable book of Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, entitled "Beside All Waters," was urged upon the entire Church as the study book in Home Missions.

For 1938-1939 the study subject will again conform to the plan of the Missionary Education Movement. Courses on the City Church will be presented.

PROMOTION

The Executive Secretary gave a great deal of time to "Promotion Work." This included the preparation and distribution of literature, visual aid materials, and the delivery of addresses. Our experience in gaining access to the churches with missionary addresses was the same as in previous years. In each of the years of this biennium we endeavored to cover the Districts assigned to the Board for Home Missions by the General Council. It was not difficult to secure invitations. Usually the Chairman of the Regional Conference arranged the itinerary throughout his region. Our pastors welcome such service. It reinforces their missionary education and their promotion of missionary giving.

MERGING OF THE BOARDS

Our "E" Board for Home Missions has repeatedly voiced its admiration of the brethren of the "R" Board of Home Missions. We have been profoundly impressed with the utter sincerity and devotion with which these brethren work at their herculean task. It is true they carry a very large indebtedness. We have taken note of the fact that the churches of the Reformed group have in no wise withdrawn their support from this Board but have continued to give them large annual apportionments; we took the attitude that it should in time be possible for the Board of Home Missions to adjust its difficulties. In 1937 alone the "R" Board received over \$250,000.00 of voluntary gifts, during which time the "E" Board for Home Missions received only \$100,000.00. Thus the two Boards found their mutual trust and confidence equal to the merger. They considered themselves ready to pool their actual missionary work and call for the election of the Board of National Missions as provided for in the new Constitution. The case was more difficult with the "E" Church Extension Fund Board. They had a charter for which they are responsible, and held about \$500,000.00 worth of assets that are unencumbered. On account of the difficulties this Board faced in an early merger, and because of the necessity for the continuance of the present charter of the "R" Board to safeguard its church building department assets, it was agreed to seek two years' postponement of the merging of the three Boards.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CONNECTIONS

The ecumenical note in Christian thought this year should help us to utilize our interdenominational connections for the advancement of church unity. We share in the work of the Home Missions Council as directed by the very able Executive Secretary, Dr. Mark A. Dawber. We

beg leave to commend the departments of the Home Missions Council to the churches. There is, for instance, the department of architecture which has rendered excellent and valuable service to many of our churches.

The "E" Board also contributes toward the Missionary Education Movement and is at present more closely than ever associated with the M. E. M. through the fact that the Director of Missionary Education, Rev. D. D. Baker, is able to give this department much more time and attention than has been possible for the officers of our Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Braun, Secretary.

Financial Statement**February 1, 1936, to January 30, 1937**

Balance, February 1, 1936..... \$ 1,233.25

Receipts

Synodical budget	\$75,000.00	
Designations		
General	\$3,742.48	
Specific projects	5,649.63	9,392.11
Interest		956.08
Legacies		3,681.90
Sales and slide rentals		111.50
		89,141.59
Total receipts.....		\$90,374.84

Disbursements

To Mission workers, salaries & rentals		\$69,861.55
Less refunds	\$ 128.30	
Less return of missionary funds from churches lately abandoned....	385.77	514.07
		\$69,347.48

Traveling and moving expenses of mission workers	\$1,154.29	
Less refunds	35.92	1,118.37
		\$70,465.85

Special work

Biloxi	\$2,150.05	
Ozarks	3,595.32	
Madeline Island and Pike River	2,907.30	
Immigrant and Seamen's Mission	300.00	
Designations for special purposes in regular home mission fields	604.01	\$9,556.68

Interdenominational work	244.00	
Missionary Education, Promotion, Literature, etc.	822.93	
Accounts payable	408.87	
Administration	5,881.20	\$87,379.53

Balance on January 30, 1937.....	\$ 2,995.31
Current accounts receivable	301.71

	\$ 3,297.02
Liabilities	12,331.39

Total deficit as of January 31, 1937.....	\$ 9,034.37
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Total deficit as of January 31, 1936.....	\$10,225.02
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February 1, 1937, to January 31, 1938

Balance on February 1, 1937..... \$ 2,995.31

RECEIPTS

Synodical Budget	\$77,604.00	
Designations:		
General	\$7,927.98	
Specific projects	6,440.61	
		14,368.59
Loans from Extension Fund Board.....		2,800.00
Interest on Endowment and Trust Funds.....		1,311.19
Legacies		827.22
Proceeds of sale of properties.....		470.50
Proceeds of bank account of church at Clintonville,		
Wisc.		21.28
Sale of literature		124.18
Slide and film rentals		36.81
		<u>97,563.77</u>
		\$100,559.08

DISBURSEMENTS

To mission workers, salaries and rentals.....	\$71,090.36	
Refunds	126.34	
		70,964.02
Miscellaneous (traveling expenses, moving ex-		
penses, etc.)	1,575.75	
Special work	\$72,539.77	
Biloxi	\$ 626.50	
Ozarks	6,840.35	
Madeline Island	1,000.00	
Immigrant and Seamen's Mission.....	300.00	
St. John's Portland, Oregon	10.00	
Immanuel, Tacoma, Washington	635.32	
		9,412.17
Interdenominational work	209.00	
Missionary Education, promotion, literature, etc.....	2,503.57	
Notes payable	420.49	
Administration	6,764.15	
		<u>91,849.15</u>
Balance on January 31, 1938.....	\$ 8,709.93	
Current accounts receivable	592.40	
		\$ 9,302.33
Liabilities		13,590.35
Total deficit as of January 31, 1938.....	\$ 4,288.02	
Total deficit as of January 31, 1937.....	\$ 9,034.37	

H. H. Lohans, Treasurer.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
(Reformed)**

To the General Synod:

This report covers a period of two years, from January, 1936 to January, 1938. It has to do mainly with statistics, with facts and figures, although the Board is not unmindful of the more spiritual aspects of the work entrusted to it. This phase of its program, however, could not be as diligently prosecuted as it deserved to be, by reason of the financial pressure under which the Board was obliged to labor.

In order that the Church may clearly understand the real situation, it is important to bear in mind that the Board is administering its work under two separate and distinct departments, which are known as the General and the Church Building Departments. As its name implies, the General Department relates itself to the more general aspects of the work in the field of Home Missions. It concerns itself with the missions and missionaries under the care of the Board, with matters of promotion, with intra- and interdenominational relationships, whereas the Church Building Department has to do solely with the property interests of the missions, with the granting of loans for Church building purposes, with matters of real estate, and the investments of its trust funds. The General Department represents the actual, specific missionary activities, while the Church Building Department is more or less of a banking business. This distinction must be borne in mind in order to arrive at a proper evaluation of the present status of the Board.

The General Department derives its funds from the Apportionment, from contributions from the Woman's Missionary Society, and from a few other special sources. Out of these receipts the Board pays its appropriations to the missionaries, the salaries of the staff members, the expenses, the Board meetings, the promotional work, printing, inter-related activities, interest charges on money borrowed for this particular Department, and in addition makes a substantial contribution to the Church Building Department, in lieu of the apportionment formerly designated for Church Building.

The Church Building Department derives its income from a number of sources. Among these are Church-building Funds of \$500 or more, contributed by various parties; legacies, annuities, subsidies from the General Department, interest from loans to missions, and repayments on account of principal investments. Out of these receipts the Church Building Department makes loans or grants to missions for building purposes, pays interest on borrowed money and on account of principal of its obligations to banks and to other parties who hold bonds or notes from the Board, and such other items as may be required in the transaction of its business.

The work in these two Departments will now be presented more in detail.

THE GENERAL DEPARTMENT

Personnel of the Board

Rev. Charles E. Miller, D.D., LL.D., President
Rev. Frederick C. Seitz, D.D., Vice-President
Rev. Purd E. Deitz, D.D., Recording Secretary
Rev. Calvin M. DeLong, D.D.
Rev. Allan S. Meck, D.D.
Rev. Henry N. Kerst, D.D.
Rev. Josias Friedli, D.D.
Rev. David Dunn

Elder Emory L. Coblentz, LL.D.
 Elder Maurice G. Lipson
 Elder Tillman K. Saylor
 Elder Charles S. Adams

The first five also constitute the Executive Committee.

The STAFF consists of

Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D.D., General Secretary
 Rev. William F. DeLong, D.D., Treasurer and Superintendent of
 the Church Building Department
 Rev. John C. Horning, D.D., Superintendent of the Central-West
 Area
 Rev. Theodore P. Bolliger, D.D., Superintendent of the Northwest
 Area
 Rev. Edward F. Evemeyer, D.D., Superintendent of the Pacific
 Coast Area
 Rev. Alexander Toth, D.D., Hungarian Representative
 Bruce A. Metzger, Attorney

THE MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

There are 151 missions on the roll, with 113 missionaries and other workers, including 10 deaconesses. These missions have a church membership of 13,314 and a Sunday-school enrollment of 10,506. It will be noticed that practically one tenth of the congregations of the Reformed Church receive aid through the Board of Home Missions and one tenth of the pastors are engaged in Home Mission work.

Here is a summary statement arranged according to Synods:

	No. of Missions	Membership	S.S.En- rollment	Appropriation paid by Board of H. M.
Ohio Synod	8	1147	1660	\$ 4,732.00
Mid-West Synod	8	1071	1130	4,900.00
Pittsburgh Synod	8	1145	920	5,505.00
Potomac Synod	9	923	1102	5,070.00
Eastern Synod	14	1910	1655	6,170.00
Dept. of Northwest	48	3869	2437	12,708.00
Dept. of the Pacific Coast....	4	170	223	4,380.00
Hungarian	51	3021	1319	18,000.00
Bohemian	1	58	60	800.00
	151	13,314	10,506	\$62,265.00

MISSIONS ENROLLED

Due to its limited income, the Board was unable to start any new work with but one exception, viz: the Sunnysdale Mission at Louisville, Ky. It however felt constrained to re-enroll Christ Church, Pittsburgh, and the Hungarian interest at Rossville, Staten Island, New York. At its meeting in April of this year, the Board also re-enrolled the First Japanese Church in San Francisco.

SELF-SUPPORT

During the biennium eight missions went to self-support, viz:—

Trinity, Conover, N. C., and Faith, Brookford
 Heidelberg, Thomasville, N. C.
 Faith, Philadelphia
 Lynnhurst, Louisville, Ky.
 Curtiss-Colby, Wis.
 Medina-Streeter, N. D.
 New Berlin, Waukesha, Wis.

The following were dropped from the roll:—Watertown, Wis.; Leola, S. D., which united with a self-supporting charge; Herrick, S. D.; Hungarian, Springdale, which is supplied by the pastor of the First Hungarian Church at Pittsburgh; Hungarian, Vintondale, Pa., which is supplied by a student, and the Dexter Boulevard mission in Detroit which was closed.

The following merged with Evangelical congregations:—Lincoln, Neb.; Appleton, Wis.; and West Hollywood, Los Angeles. The last of these, however, remains a mission on the roll.

MISSIONARIES WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

It becomes the sad duty of the Board to record the names of four of its missionaries who have finished their course and now rest from their labors:—

Rev. Gabriel Dokus, South Norwalk, Conn., June 6, 1936.
 Rev. A. V. Vondersmith, Charlotte, N. C., November 6, 1936.
 Rev. John W. Belser, Cleveland, O., May 22, 1937.
 Rev. A. J. Michael, Maywood, Ill., April 7, 1938.

PHASES OF WORK

A work which extends practically over the entire territory of the United States and Canada includes a variety of activities and relates itself to many different enterprises. There are, first, the different nationalities for whom the Board is providing religious privileges. The gospel is being preached in eight different languages, viz: English, German, Swiss, Russian, Hungarian, Czech, Japanese and Indian. The German, Swiss and Russian groups are found principally in the West and Northwest and in Canada. These constitute a very large and important sector of our Home Mission work.

The HUNGARIANS, among whom work was started forty-eight years ago, have developed into 150 congregations, of which almost 100 belong to the Reformed Church. Just half that number, viz: 51, receive support from the Board of Home Missions. The rest have gone to self-support and have grown into strong and vigorous congregations. A new generation, thoroughly imbued with American principles and ideals, is coming into leadership, with the result that the English language is rapidly being introduced into the Church services, and the membership more thoroughly and more vitally integrated into the general program of the Church. For a number of years the Board maintained a Hungarian Department in our educational institutions at Lancaster, Pa. This, however, has been temporarily suspended and the professor in charge, Dr. Alexander Toth, has been assigned the duty of visiting Hungarian congregations with a view of assisting them in the fuller development of their Church life, and interpreting to them the larger program of the Church. Dr. Toth also serves as the Editor of the *Reformatusok Lapja*, a bi-weekly religious paper in the Hungarian language.

There is only one CZECH congregation under the care of the Board, viz: at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Work among the JAPANESE in California was started in 1910. Rev. J. Mori, who had recently graduated from Central Theological Seminary, took charge of the same. During these 28 years, Mr. Mori was the dominant factor in this work. He organized the work in San Francisco, in Los Angeles and at Sawtelle, California. For a number of years he served as missionary-at-large, visiting many Japanese communities and preaching to various Japanese groups. His contacts were not only with the Japanese, but also with many sections of our Church, whose interests in this work he enlisted and cultivated. He recently re-

signed as a missionary under the Board in order to go to Brazil, where he will work among the Japanese who have settled there in large numbers. That country lies outside the jurisdiction of the Board of Home Missions, and hence Mr. Mori's relationship to the Board has ceased, after 28 years of faithful service. The work in California, however, will go forward. There are three missions among the Japanese definitely established. Two of these are well equipped, and in the third, through the generosity of a Japanese friend, a suitable lot has been secured on which a building will be erected in the future.

The work among the INDIANS remains under the supervision of Rev. Ben Stucki. It consists of a school for Indian children at Neillsville, Wis., which is attended by over 100 children, and is housed in a very substantial and well-appointed building, erected several years ago and paid for by the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod. The Woman's Missionary Society is likewise supplying the entire budget of \$15,000 annually for the maintenance of this school. The Indian Mission proper is located twenty-five miles out of Neillsville, at Black River Falls, Wis. It consists of 80 members, all of the Winnebago Indian tribe. Rev. Mr. Stucki conducts services regularly, assisted by Evangelist John Stacy, one of our most faithful and efficient Indian converts.

The HARBOR MISSION in New York City, through the missionary, Dr. Paul H. Land, is ministering to large numbers of people, who come as strangers to our shores and who seek guidance and assistance in securing employment or contacting relatives or friends in America. Dr. Land publishes a paper in the German language, "Der Einwanderer Freund," which keeps our German constituency informed of the activities and needs of the Mission.

City Mission Work. The city bulks so largely in our modern civilization that it becomes imperative to direct much of our Home Mission effort towards these strategic centers of our population. Many of our most enterprising Missions are located in urban or suburban communities. However, most of these follow the conventional program of the established or self-supporting churches in these communities. The need for more intensive effort along the line of Inner Mission work is pressing in upon us. Partial surveys in several of our large cities have been made and have disclosed the fertile field which this phase of Home Mission work may occupy and cultivate. The Board is ready to join its forces with those of the Board of the Evangelical Synod in exploring and developing this challenging field.

Rural Work. Rural and semi-rural communities constitute a real challenge to the modern Church. Here the problem is one of readjustment, of centralization, and of adoption of a program that will meet the requirements of the country church. Modern transportation, means of communication, shifting populations, failure of crops, economic pressure, social and industrial conditions, all have precipitated a situation which it is difficult to meet. It demands a high type and specially trained ministry to cope with the problems confronting us in this field.

With a materialistic and secularistic philosophy which is so largely controlling our present-day life, the religious forces are put to their severest test not merely to maintain the institutions of Christianity, but also to project the life and spirit of Christ into the areas of our social, economic and cultural civilization so that the nation may be fully Christianized, and Christ be all in all.

Co-operative Work. Our allied forces are numerous and efficient. In the denomination itself the Board sustains vital relationships with other Boards and agencies. This circle has taken in corresponding Boards of the Evangelical Synod. The joint activities of the Boards

operating distinctly in the field of Home Missions will be presented in another report to the General Synod.

The most helpful of our auxiliary agencies is that of the WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY. This organization has liberally supported our work. During the last two years it has contributed \$35,399.00 to the General Fund, \$4,000 in Church-building Funds, a liberal amount to the special 20,000 Club Fund. It provides the full support for the ten deaconesses employed by the Board, as well as the entire support of the Indian School. Without this splendid co-operation, the Board would have to curtail its work very materially.

The Board of Home Missions, the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society are publishing the OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS which has a circulation of almost 5,000 copies a month and is the distinctively missionary organ of the Church.

The CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION, with Rev. David D. Baker as Director, has been formed. This Council embraces the Boards of Missions, Home and Foreign, the Board of Christian Education and Publication, and the Women's organizations, of the merged Church. Its headquarters are in St. Louis and it takes within its purview the whole range and scope of missionary education, including Schools of Missions, Summer Missionary Conferences, and the cultivation of missionary intelligence in the local congregations.

The Board of Home Missions also functions through the COMMITTEE ON CORRELATION AND PROMOTION of the Executive Committee of the General Synod, in working out ways and means whereby the cause may in a most effective and in a unified manner be promoted, through Kingdom Service Committees and otherwise, throughout the whole Church.

Outside the denomination the Board is a constituent member of the Home Missions Council, and stands related to other agencies and activities with common interests and purposes.

FINANCING THE GENERAL DEPARTMENT

The report of the Treasurer shows that the total cash receipts in the General Department for the biennium amounted to \$495,034. The bulk of this came from three sources: through the Apportionment, from the Woman's Missionary Society, and the 20,000 Club Plan. Through the 20,000 Club \$82,830 was received. This enabled the Board to pay on account of certain loans in banks and also to pay a substantial amount on overdue salaries to the missionaries. The Board also received \$20,000 through the Debt Reduction Fund. The special effort put forth through these two methods produced a little more than \$100,000. This was quite worthwhile. Without inaugurating any organized campaign, the Board appeals to congregations and individuals to contribute to these special funds until all salary arrearages are paid, and certain bank loans be materially reduced.

THE CHURCH BUILDING DEPARTMENT

As previously stated, the Church Building Department concerns itself solely with property interests. Its chief business is to assist mission churches to secure the proper equipment in which to do their work. During the years it has helped many churches in this manner, and the splendid buildings in which many of our churches are housed today are evidences of the help the Board has rendered.

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS

The Church-building Funds received from January, 1936, to January, 1938. (Numbering continued from the list published in Minutes of the General Synod, 1936).

1262—The Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Aucker.....	\$ 500.00
1263—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift).....	500.00
1264—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift).....	500.00
1265—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift).....	500.00
1266—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift).....	500.00
1267—The Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kuhn.....	500.00
1268—The Mrs. Ellen Wenger and Miss Leona C. Kuhn.....	500.00
1269—The W. M. S. G. S. (Gift).....	1,000.00
1270—The Landis (Gift)	500.00
1271—The F. S. Lindaman.....	500.00
1272—The Samuel K. Clever.....	1,000.00
1273—The Magdalena Angle Shannon.....	500.00
1274—The W. M. S. G. S.....	500.00
1275—The Charles A. and Ida F. Apple.....	500.00
1276—The Joseph H. and Elizabeth Ann Apple.....	500.00
1277—The Barnhart (Gift)	500.00
1278—The Rev. Henry A. Keyser, D.D., and Hannah E. Keyser	500.00
1279—The Anna Keller Wettach.....	500.00
1280—The Rev. Doctor Franklin F. Bahner and Mary Ella Bahner (Memorial).....	1,000.00
1281—The George B. and Anna B. Foreman (Memorial).....	1,000.00
1282—The John and Elizabeth Gilbert (Memorial).....	500.00
1283—The Harry C. Gilbert and Mary E. Gilbert (Memorial)	500.00
1284—The Reuben and Eliza Mumbauer.....	500.00
1285—The Mary Wiant	500.00
1286—The Rev. R. Franklin Main.....	500.00
1287—The Flora A. Miller	1,000.00
1288—The Rev. C. Clever, D.D., and Wife Mary Elizabeth Clever.....	500.00
1289—The Peter and Angeline Miller.....	500.00
1290—The Marie Schramm (Memorial Gift).....	1,000.00
1291—The William Frankham (Gift).....	1,000.00
1292—The James A. Laubach.....	500.00
1293—The Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Snite.....	500.00
1294—The Annie K. Rush	500.00
1295—The Josephine C. Guth.....	500.00
1296—The L. Elizabeth Bickel Wesner.....	500.00
1297—The John W. Bickel.....	500.00
1298—The Rev. Clement Z. and Louisa C. Weiser.....	3,205.66
1299—The W. M. S. G. S.....	500.00
1300—The Ida D. Klopp.....	500.00
1301—The Alice G. Appleman.....	500.00
1302—The W. M. S. G. S.....	500.00
1303—The St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, Pa.....	500.00
1304—The Rev. Charles B. Schneder, D.D. (Memorial).....	2,000.00
1305—The Mary C. Hoffman.....	500.00
1306—The Mary M. High.....	500.00

(Complete information regarding each Fund is on file in the office of the Board).

The total amount of Church-building Funds (Gift and Loan) is \$879,843, of which \$195,982 are Gift Funds and \$683,861 Loan.

LEGACIES

The following legacies were received:—

L. K. Biever Estate.....	\$ 3,883.52
C. L. Bubb Estate.....	100.00
F. G. Burtner Estate.....	50.00
J. M. Hoke Estate.....	1,000.00
V. S. Hoover Estate.....	1,000.00
Jacob Jacoby Estate.....	3,000.00
Barbara Leighty Estate.....	120.45
Anna Stoner Estate.....	403.05
A. J. Stucker Estate.....	250.00
D. E. Zimmerman Estate.....	1,511.68

Total.....\$11,318.70

The first legacy came to the Board in 1887. Since then the Board has received a total of \$356,104.17 in legacies.

ANNUITIES

The Board holds \$57,075 in the form of annuities, on which a certain rate of interest is being paid during the life time of the annuitant.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, GENERAL AND CHURCH
BUILDING DEPARTMENTS

From 1826 to 1936.....	\$ 9,860,527.05
From 1936 to 1938.....	570,346.11

Total Receipts since 1826....\$10,430,873.16

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 1939 AND 1940

The Board submits the annual budget for the next biennium which represents the amount which it should receive to carry forward its work.

Salaries and Appropriations to Missionaries.....	\$160,000.00
Interest General Fund	9,000.00
Interest Annuities, General Fund.....	900.00
Interest Church Building Fund.....	45,000.00
Interest Annuities, Church Building Fund.....	5,000.00
Rent	1,518.00
Office Expenses	1,000.00
Board Meetings	1,500.00
Travel	4,000.00
Printing	1,500.00
Promotional Work	2,500.00
Premiums	9,500.00
Grants and Special Appropriations.....	30,000.00
Audit	600.00
Interdenominational Work	500.00
Intradenominational Work	2,000.00
Country Life	500.00
Principal of Debt	75,000.00

Total.....\$350,018.00

**The Report of the Treasurer, Wm. F. DeLong, from
January 1, 1936, to January 1, 1938**

General Fund

RECEIPTS

Cash Balance, January 1, 1936.....	\$ 11,796.62
Cash Balance of Debt Reduction Fund as of January 1, 1936	215.74

12,012.36

Apportionments	\$311,837.50
Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.....	35,399.35
Home Mission Day	2,600.11
20,000 Club	82,830.42
Debt Reduction Fund	19,974.13
Loans from Banks	11,100.00
Miscellaneous Specials	12,380.68
Annuity Bonds	6,900.00

Total Cash Receipts.....	483,022.19
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\$495,034.55

DISBURSEMENTS

Appropriations to Church Building Fund.....	\$102,696.00
Loans and Transfers to Church Building Fund.....	15,100.86
Paid on account of Missionaries' Salaries, including Staff and Office Force.....	235,147.13
Special Appropriations and Grants.....	18,671.32
20,000 Club and Home Mission Day Expenses.....	78.92
Commission on Social Service, etc.....	16.00
Missionary Education	1,337.50
Debt Reduction Fund	28,658.37
Interest paid on Notes.....	17,977.18
Interest paid on Annuity Bonds.....	1,432.00
Interdenominational Home Missions Council.....	1,000.00
Paid on Notes	27,150.00
Executive and Departmental Expenses (not including salaries)	4,819.05
Miscellaneous Expenses	12,913.98
The Outlook	575.00
Missionary Education Movement	200.00
Back Salaries of Missionaries applied to Annuity Bonds, also to 20,000 Club.....	6,800.00
Notes Receivable	194.14

Total Cash Disbursements	\$474,767.45
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Cash Balance, January 1, 1938.....	\$ 20,267.10
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Church Building Funds

RECEIPTS

Cash Balance, January 1, 1936.....	\$ 214.65
Undesignated Legacies	\$ 11,318.70
Church Building Funds (Loan).....	19,860.70
Church Building Funds (Gift).....	5,000.00
Interest and Dividends on Investments.....	2,488.79
Appropriations from General Fund.....	102,696.00
Loans and Transfers from General Fund.....	15,100.86

HOME MISSIONS

Registered Bonds	1,238.54
Annuity Bonds	4,725.00
Rents: Chambersburg, Pa., Lancaster, Pa., Swan- ton, O., Detroit, Mich.—Less Expenses....	1,047.04
Loans from Banks and Others.....	7,000.00
Advances to Churches repaid.....	41,752.02
Special Gifts	10,993.13

Total Cash Receipts 223,220.78

\$223,435.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Interest paid on Notes.....	30,465.45
Interest paid on Registered Bonds and Notes.....	16,348.64
Interest paid on Coupon Bonds.....	29,339.08
Interest paid on Annuity Bonds.....	5,787.71
Interest paid on Notes and Accounts to Churches	1,857.94
Interest paid on Mortgage.....	610.31
Home Mission Day offering for Dewey Ave. Re- formed Church, Rochester, N. Y.....	4,459.25
Grants	22,586.44
Coupon Bonds Redeemed	7,500.00
Registered Bonds Redeemed	700.00
Advances to Churches	44,336.72
Money borrowed from Churches repaid.....	1,750.00
Paid on Notes	43,805.96
Miscellaneous Expense	2,280.74
Church Building Funds (Gifts).....	6,400.00
Loans and Transfers	4,977.27

Total Cash Disbursements 223,205.51

Cash Balance, January 1, 1938.....\$ 229.92

Consolidated Balance Sheet—December 31, 1937

ASSETS

Cash in Bank and on Hand (General Fund and Church Building Fund).....\$	20,389.42
Cash in Bank (Debt Reduction Fund).....	107.60
Notes Receivable	4,457.55
Advances to Churches	1,348,973.20
Stocks of Corporations and Other Securities....	966.72
Real Estate owned	337,250.00
Post Mortuary Notes	3,500.00
Office Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Certificate of Claim	200.00

TOTAL ASSETS..... \$1,716,844.49

LIABILITIES

Salaries Unpaid	\$ 68,660.75
Mortgages Payable	4,900.00
Notes Payable	494,987.18
Loans from Churches	32,668.02
Home Mission Day Balances unpaid.....	7,821.05
National Service Commission Trust Fund.....	6,219.06

Church Building Gift Funds undistributed.....	500.00
Registered Bonds and Notes Payable	204,266.36
Post Mortuary Note Fund	3,500.00
Coupon Bonds	354,600.00
Due for Traveling Expenses to Officers of the Board	509.69
Due the Department of the Northwest.....	500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$1,179,132.11
Net Worth of the Board.....	\$ 537,712.38

Audited and found correct, December 31, 1937

Robert J. Bennett, C.P.A.

EXPLANATORY

A few major items in this Consolidated Balance Sheet should probably be explained.

"ADVANCES TO CHURCHES" means the amount loaned to 88 mission churches in financing their properties. These loans are secured as follows:—

By mortgages on church properties.....	\$ 475,713.04
By deeds on church properties.....	708,907.24
On promissory notes	99,373.10
On open accounts	64,979.82
	\$1,348,973.20

"REAL ESTATE OWNED" means that the Board holds title to certain real estate other than churches, such as:

2 Houses, Chambersburg, Pa.
 Property, Des Moines, Ia.
 Lot, Dexter Blvd., Detroit, Mich.
 House, Lancaster, Pa.
 St. Mark's Church and Parsonage, Lincoln, Neb.
 Japanese Mission, Los Angeles, Cal.
 Two Lots, W. Los Angeles, Cal.
 Indian School, Neillsville, Wis.
 Japanese Mission, San Francisco, Cal.
 Dream Haven, Swanton, O.

Under Liabilities, "NOTES PAYABLE" means the amount the Board owes to Banks and Trust Companies. The bulk of this amount is owing to two Banks with which the Board has had long and satisfactory dealings. In other cases the Board borrowed from certain banks and invested the amount in mission churches in the communities where the banks are located.

"REGISTERED BONDS AND NOTES" means the amount the Board has borrowed from individuals, other Boards or agencies, such as the W. M. S. G. S. of the Reformed Church.

"COUPON BONDS" means Serial Coupon Bonds which have been issued in 4 series maturing at different periods:—

Series A maturing Sept. 1936.....	\$ 25,500
Series B maturing Sept., 1941.....	143,600
Series C maturing Sept., 1946.....	151,300
Series D maturing Sept., 1951.....	32,900
	\$353,300

There are certain "CONTINGENT ASSETS" which will eventually come to the Board:—

Annuity Bonds and Post Mortuary Notes.....	\$ 60,575.00
Unpaid subscriptions on Debt Reduction Fund.....	51,271.00
Board as beneficiary under insurance policies held by the trustee, Market Street Nat'l Bank.....	13,250.00
Underwritten through insurance by churches for the Board	204,400.00
TOTAL CONTINGENT ASSETS	\$329,496.00

The Board expresses its gratitude to the great Head of the Church for His manifest guidance and blessing, and to the members of our Church for their co-operation in a great and difficult task, and we implore the same guidance and co-operation in the years to come, so that the Board may accomplish its real mission in making America a truly Christian nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Miller, President

Charles E. Schaeffer, General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXTENSION FUND BOARD (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

We are again confronted with the task of taking inventory of the past two years in order to report what we have accomplished in a very limited way. As has been stated before, the word "extension" should be changed, as most of our work concerns itself with refinancing loans that are either in danger of being foreclosed or are in the hands of closed banks that are being liquidated. Through refinancing loans, we make it possible for those churches that we can help to meet at least part of their Synodical budget, as our interest rates and annual pay-offs are rather low.

During the past year we made it possible, through a loan, for one of our churches to erect a chapel building. This congregation held services in a public school building for many years and will dedicate their new building in June.

Another church erected a beautiful building after meeting in a frame chapel for years.

We recently granted a loan to another church for the erection of a chapel, as their frame building did not answer their purposes any longer in a new and growing community.

Several loans were made for the erection of new parsonages. This is evidence that church work is again expanding and extending, and that God's kingdom here on earth is growing.

On the other hand we find that churches, especially in rural communities, are disbanding. Their properties are being abandoned and sold. Two and three congregations are being served by one pastor. This is a sad state of affairs, as their properties deteriorate and become neglected, which affects our loans, due to reduced values. We must constantly be on guard and to a great extent depend on our District Chairmen to keep us informed.

The outlook for the rural home mission church seems rather gloomy, as the tendency is concentration of the people in the larger cities. What eventually will become of these rural abandoned church properties is a serious question, as it is rather hard to keep in close touch with them.

We have been able to meet most of the urgent requests for loans through income derived from budget, interest and principal pay-off receipts. Since we do not operate on borrowed capital, we must confine our loans to certain limits, churches up to \$10,000 and parsonages up to

\$5,000. This restriction has proved itself to the end that we do not have any indebtedness and our outstanding loans to churches are practically all in good standing. Twenty-one loans, totaling \$69,707, were made during the past two years. Several loans are in the process of being made; other requests are being investigated, and with the principal receipts coming in from keeping our loans in good standing, we have now built up our fund to \$523,927.72.

The administration of our work is done principally by members of our Board who do this voluntarily, as we have no executive secretary. The young lady in our office, whose time we divide with the Home Mission work, and our counsel, who does all our legal work and draws up our mortgages, serve us well and faithfully. We are fully aware of their untiring efforts.

May God grant us strength to continue on in our work in the future as we have done in the past.

Oscar C. Grueninger, Chairman,
E. H. Klick, Vice-Chairman,
Theo. F. Schumacher, Secretary,
E. J. Westerbeck Treasurer,
H. Kronsbein, Member-at-large.

Assets

Cash	\$ 30,858.47	
Loans outstanding	461,984.64	
Property accounts	36,670.21	
Endowment & Trust funds	5,124.40	\$534,637.72

Liabilities

Notes payable	\$ 10,710.00	
Fund balance	523,927.72	534,637.72

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements. Feb. 1, 1936 to Jan. 31, 1938.

Cash balance, February 1, 1936..... \$ 13,207.95

Receipts

Budget	\$ 3,000.00	
Principal pay-offs on loans.....	53,317.65	
Interest	14,769.06	
Sale of property	5,961.10	
Rental income	3,596.56	
Interest from endowment and trust funds....	404.22	
Designations	119.55	
Donations	1,761.28	
Loan from General Treasurer	10,000.00	92,929.42
		<u>\$106,137.37</u>

Disbursements

Loans to churches	\$ 67,272.78	
Taxes and insurance and repairs.....	4,629.32	
Sale of property	735.43	
Professional fees	1,115.00	
Office salary	625.00	
Stationery, supplies & postage	91.40	
Rent	195.00	
Membership fees	50.00	
Exchange and interest	61.51	
Traveling	503.46	75,278.90

Balance on January 31, 1938..... \$ 30,858.47

JOINT REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARDS AND THE EXTENSION FUND BOARD

To the General Synod:

The Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church and the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod, and the Evangelical Church Extension Fund Board have continued to make preparations for the consolidation of their work. Each Board has been represented at the meetings of the other Boards. In each case where workers were exchanged or mission churches merged, the supervision was lodged definitely with one of the Boards. It was not found desirable to set up a joint or third supervisory group to take care of new work as first contemplated and reported.

We are happy to report a number of cases of union between churches, where at least one side was receiving missionary aid:

1. In Colby, Wisconsin, a Reformed mission church merged with an Evangelical self-supporting church and formed a self-supporting parish with the neighboring "R" congregation in Curtis, Wis.
2. At Appleton, Wis., the First "R" Church, a mission, merged with St. John's "E" Church. The united group uses the "E" property. The "R" property was deeded over to the Northwest Synod, this Department assuming remaining obligations of the "R" Church.
3. The Evangelical and the Reformed Churches at Elkhart Lake, Wis., have merged and are being served by an "R" pastor.
4. At Lincoln, Nebraska, the Reformed Mission merged with St. Paul's Evangelical Church. The property of the Reformed Church was deeded to the "R" Home Mission Board. The sixty Reformed persons that came over to St. Paul's Church kept all of their contributions separate from those of St. Paul's Church and used them for the liquidation of a remaining indebtedness on their former church property. A debt on their former parsonage is being paid out of the rental which is now received by the Home Mission Board.
5. The Evangelical and the Reformed Mission Churches of Hollywood, California, which had formerly been served by one pastor and were supported jointly by the two Boards, have now been merged into one church. The support continues as before.

Your Boards report good progress in all fields in which they are jointly engaged.

Missionary Education

The Boards of Home Missions, the Boards of Foreign Missions and the Board of Christian Education together with the Woman's Missionary Society and the Women's Union, in February of 1937, perfected the organization of the Co-operative Council of Missionary Education. Through this Council these Boards undertook to aid churches in cultivating a sympathetic understanding of the work of missions at home and abroad, and in integrating an effective program of missionary education into the regular work of the church. Officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. A. R. Keppel; Secretary, Rev. J. J. Braun; Treasurer, Dr. A. V. Casselman. The Rev. D. D. Baker of Baltimore, Md., was called to the office of Director of Missionary Education and assumed his duties on June 1, 1937, with office at St. Louis, Mo.

In the Promotion of Home Mission Emphasis in the Fall of 1936 and 1937, the two Boards co-operated in the production of literature and exhibit materials.

A major project undertaken by the Home Mission Boards during this period was the sponsoring and distributing of the new book by Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, "Besides All Waters," of which about 2000 copies were sold.

Looking Toward Complete Merger

In the Fall of 1936, in November of 1937, and again on April 22 of 1938, the Executive Committees of the two Boards held their regular meetings at the same time and place, so that they might have a joint session. These meetings together have been fruitful of a much better understanding and co-operation. In February, 1938, there was also a special committee meeting held at Pittsburgh, Pa., in which representatives of the three Boards discussed the possibilities and implications of an early merger. The discussions of these meetings finally led to the adoption at the Columbus Meeting on April 22 of the following resolution:

"Whereas the satisfactory solution of the financial problems involved in the merger of the Home Mission Boards and the Church Extension Fund Board requires additional time,

"The Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions of the "R" group and the Board for Home Missions and the Church Extension Fund Board of the "E" group jointly request the General Synod to postpone the merger of these Boards for another biennium and to authorize the present Boards to carry on their respective work separately and jointly as at present,

"And also to provide in the budget that the net receipts of these Boards through apportionment shall not be less than the amounts they are now receiving."

With the understanding that the Board of National Missions provided in the Constitution be elected and the present three Boards operate under it, the Executive Committee of the General Synod VOTED to approve the resolution. The Executive Committee also voted to adopt the following resolution:

"To recommend to the General Synod that the three Boards be continued for two years, and to recommend to the General Synod the advisability of electing the twelve members of the Board of National Missions from the membership of the present three Boards."

THE JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

The Board of Home Missions of the "R" Church,
The Board for Home Missions of the "E" Church,
The Church Extension Fund Board of the "E"
Church.

J. J. Braun, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee begs to submit following resolutions:

To fulfill the Master's command, our church must prove herself active in helping struggling churches and underprivileged groups into a stronger Christian fellowship.

Greater accomplishments could have been achieved during the past two years if the Boards had received the amount of money granted by the last General Synod.

We petition the General Synod to grant the Boards the same allowance as in past years and if possible increase the amount.

We concur in the recommendation of the joint Boards that the major number of members of the Board of National Missions should be elected from the membership of the present three Boards—"E" and "R" Home Mission and Church Extension—when the constitution goes into effect.

The General Synod recognizes the very substantial help given to the missionary causes of the church by the Woman's Missionary Society and Women's Union.

General Synod recognizes the pioneer work done by the "R" Board of Home Missions in the field of rural work and encourages the Boards to lead the church in meeting the problems of the country church more effectively.

We also recognize the need for more intensive effort along the line of Home Mission work in large cities and call upon Evangelical and Reformed churches in such centers to cooperate with the Mission Boards in exploring and developing this challenging field.

The General Synod commends the efforts of the joint Home Boards, especially in merging missionary projects in the field.

The General Synod refers the matter of a Hungarian Professorship to the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church.

The General Synod refers the overture of the West Susquehanna Classis concerning the needs and work of the rural church to a special Committee of the General Council for study and then to report at the next General Synod.

The General Synod is of the opinion that the status of the Lytton-Ai demonstration parish remain unchanged until the matter of a rural church department shall have been decided.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Grunewald

Emanuel Good

E. J. H. Werle

J. H. Overbeck

Chas. Warber

Paul Meyer

COMMITTEE

Action was taken, by the General Synod, Friday morning, on the preceding report, as follows:

The report was read by Rev. J. H. Overbeck, Chairman. The General Synod was addressed on various aspects of its subject matter, by Drs. Charles E. Schaeffer, John C. Horning, Wm. F. DeLong, Rev. J. J. Braun and Laymember William Fuzy.

On motion the Report was referred back to the Committee in order that it might consider and include consideration of the Overtures which were referred to it during the sessions of the General Synod. The consideration of the report was continued on Monday afternoon when the three additional resolutions were presented, completing the work of the Committee.

On motion, made by Rev. Ezra V. Vornholt, the matter of a Rural Church Department was referred to a *Special Committee of the General Council* for study and report to the General Synod.

On motion, properly made and seconded, this report was then unanimously adopted as a whole.

5. Foreign Missions

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS (Reformed)

To the General Synod:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God and an equally deep conviction of our utter dependence upon Him for resources and ability to carry on in the present world crisis, as well as a sincere appreciation of the loyal support of the Church in these difficult days, that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States makes this its second biennial report to the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

THE PRESENT SITUATION

This report is made to the Synod under circumstances of great stress both at home and abroad—circumstances that test our faith, try our courage, and challenge us to greater consecration. The missionary enterprise of the Christian Church is a world-wide affair, and when the whole world is filled with tumult and trouble the missionary work of the Church is bound to feel the strain of the situation. The year 1936 was characterized by encouraging progress and inspiring signs of hope in all our fields of work. Never were the prospects so bright for Christianity in China as in 1936. All this was suddenly changed in 1937. The devastating scourge of war has come to the Far East and enveloped our two main mission fields with its deadening blight. Iraq is most naturally influenced by the disturbing nationalistic aspirations of the Arabic Moslem countries of the Near East. At home the financial "recession" threatens to undercut the support of the work at the very time when that support is needed as never before. In consequence, the problems which present themselves for solution to your Board of Foreign Missions are immediate, insistent and strategic. It is no easy task to which your Board of Foreign Missions has been assigned in such days as these.

THE CENTENNIAL OF THE BOARD

However, in the midst of disturbed world conditions of all kinds we are thankful that in the gracious providence of our Heavenly Father we have one splendid, encouraging thing to think about and talk about and act about in this year 1938. This is the Centennial year of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. The Board was organized on October 5, 1838, at the Synod in the First Reformed Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Board is hoping that this Centennial year will be the occasion of sincere thanksgiving for the past and renewed consecration for the future. A beautiful Centennial booklet has been issued, containing much interesting historical material, and should have a wide circulation throughout the Church. It is the sincere desire and fervent hope of the Board of Foreign Missions that the crowning effort of this Centennial year should be the cancellation of the remaining deficit of the Board, that the new century may be initiated in the new Church with a new power and purpose fit and adequate for the new age that is upon us.

The Japan Mission

The Japan Mission reports that, although the Japanese nation is filled with intensely nationalistic war spirit and its activity geared in to the processes of war, nevertheless there is an under-current of deep spiritual searching. Both the missionaries and the Japanese Church are called upon to face issues and live a life under circumstances which

are difficult in the extreme. Our missionaries in their reports plead for American Church sympathy for the kindly people of Japan. As one of our missionaries says in a recent letter, "The ordinary man of the street in Japan has no more to do with this war than you or I." Our missionaries are unanimous in their opinion that Japan never needed the Gospel more than it needs it today, and are urgent in their appeal that the Church should not slacken its efforts for the preaching of the Gospel in Japan now because of what Japanese militarists are doing. If there was a call for the Gospel in Japan fifty years ago, it is all the more insistent today. In addition to this, our Japanese Christian brethren need our sympathy, support, love and prayers as never before.

THE EVANGELISTIC WORK

In the evangelistic work the present situation is summed up in quotations from two letters recently received. One of our oldest evangelistic missionaries says: "The next few years will undoubtedly tell on this country, and more than ever will the love and guidance of Christian men and women be needed to avert moral disaster. Thus far the people are friendly; but there is a general tightening up of our work." Another evangelistic missionary writes: "This is not an easy time to do missionary work here. For some time I had felt that Christian work was going at a definitely slower pace. Recently, however, I have noticed a few things that seem to indicate definitely that new people are interested in Christianity. Just before Christmas I baptized five people at one small church, and on this past Sunday night I baptized three more in another small church. The attendance at the latter service was much better than I had seen for a long time, and there was a fine spirit of fellowship and worship. Perhaps it is not such a bad time to put forth our best efforts."

A paragraph from a letter of the officers of the North Japan Newspaper Correspondence Evangelism office to the secretary of the Board is most significant. These officers are some of the outstanding pastors and Christian leaders and teachers of North Japan. The letter in part reads thus:

"However, it goes without saying that under the present situation in Japan we will necessarily have to experience many more tremendous hardships in newspaper evangelism; but it is also very true that, if we face the facts honestly and frankly, we can come to no conclusion but that there has never been a time like the present when Japan needs the Gospel so desperately. It will save us from future crises, from our narrow-minded prejudices, and lead Japan side by side with other nations of the world toward real peace. For there is no other power save that of the Spirit of Christ that can do it. . . . We sincerely hope that our brothers and sisters who live beyond the ocean will continue to grant liberal and sympathetic support to this work, and especially do we desire your fervent prayers and future leadership."

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK

In the educational work of the Japan Mission our two schools, North Japan College for men and Miyagi College for women, are proceeding undisturbed with their usual program of Christian education.

The outstanding events in the life of our educational institutions in Japan in 1936 were the celebrations of the fiftieth anniversaries of these two institutions. North Japan College celebrated its anniversary May 10 to 17, 1936, and Miyagi College celebrated its anniversary on November 1 to 8, 1936. These two jubilee celebrations were accompanied by outstanding programs which were broadcast throughout Japan. Our whole program of Christian education in Japan received a very decided stimulus in these fiftieth anniversary celebrations.

North Japan College has a larger enrollment than ever, 1162 students, and is being skillfully guided through very serious times and circumstances by the wise leadership of its Japanese president, Dr. T. Demura. Recent reports indicate that the war in China has not materially affected the work of the school. Only two teachers were called to the army, and as gymnastic teachers they could be spared without disrupting the work. Everything is progressing very much as usual. A year ago the school merged its theological department with the Seminary of the Church of Christ in Japan, located in Tokyo, and is contributing a yearly subsidy to the support of the united institution. The school feels that in this way it can assist in the training of young men for the ministry more economically and perhaps more efficiently in association with and under the auspices of the General Synod of the Church of Christ in Japan.

The outstanding feature of our educational work during the year 1937 was the erection of the new chapel-auditorium for Miyagi College. This college for girls had never had a chapel large enough to accommodate the entire student body of the school. The old chapel was so small that, with adjoining class-rooms thrown into it, it was just possible to crowd in the student body. There was no room whatever for guests or visitors. During the past year, through the generosity of the Woman's Missionary Society, a new chapel-auditorium was built and dedicated on January 30, 1938. It is so arranged that the entire student body can be seated in the gallery while the main floor of the auditorium can be reserved for guests. For the first time in its history Miyagi College now may have present at its Christian functions the parents and friends of the girls of the school. The good effect of this has already become evident. At one of the dedicatory services there were present by actual count 1047 people. The Christian opportunities made possible by this new building will contribute greatly in future years to the Christian efficiency of Miyagi College.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE JAPAN MISSION

American Staff: Missionaries, 38; ordained men, 10; unordained men, 4; wives of missionaries, 13; unmarried women, 11. Missionaries in evangelistic work, 5; in North Japan College, 6; in Miyagi College, 8; in kindergarten work, 9; in Mission office, 1; under appointment, 1; retired 6.

Japanese Staff: Total workers, 264; ordained men, 51; unordained men, 129; women evangelists, teachers and helpers, 85. Men in evangelistic work, 70; workers in North Japan College, 87; workers in Miyagi College, 42; women evangelists, 28; kindergarten teachers, 22; missionary helpers, 17, in Mission office, 1.

Evangelistic Work: Organized churches, 55; self-supporting churches, 23; preaching places, 19; communicants added, 275; total communicants, 7,349; baptized children, 354; Sunday-schools, 86; Sunday-school attendants, 4,704; Japanese contributions to church work, \$14,987.00.

Educational Work: Kindergartens, 10; pupils in kindergartens, 409. Miyagi College, enrollment in academic department, 272; in college department, 91; in Bible training course, 4; total enrollment, 367. North Japan College, enrollment in academic department, 700; in college department, 450; in theological department, 25; total enrollment, 1,175.

The China Mission

Never were the prospects brighter for the spread of Christianity in China than during the year 1936. Under the leadership of Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek and other splendid Christian lead-

ers at the head of the government it had seemed that China was on its way toward becoming a Christian nation. Much of this Christian hope and optimism has been blasted by the withering devastation of war carried on with unusual cruelty by the modern methods of militarists. Very fortunately for the Reformed Church our China Mission is located far inland in the central province of Hunan. The heartrending destruction which befell Christian missions along the coast cities has not been experienced by our missionaries. Of course, all of our work is influenced by the general atmosphere of conflict. However, it is a thing for which to be thankful that none of our missionaries and none of our property have been injured in this conflict.

Last summer, when it began to be evident that serious military operations were in the offing, the Board took the precaution of evacuating all of the mothers with small children from the China mission field. Any other missionaries who wanted to leave were given the privilege of doing so, and those who stayed did so definitely of their own choice and with the understanding that they were ready and willing to face the rigors of war. Let it be said to the honor of our missionaries that with practical unanimity of courage and devotion those who had no young children or special family cares decided to stay. No one knows the extra work that has been heaped upon individual missionaries who stayed by their posts, especially in Yoyang. Everyone of our missionaries is doing several persons' work.

Here, for instance, is a portion of the personal report of Rev. Sterling W. Whitener, who, for a great portion of the past year so full of emergency situations, has been the only man left of the missionary personnel at Yoyang: "In order to show you how inadequate I feel, I wish to list the tasks I am supposed to be doing: full-time to evangelistic work; half-time to mission bookkeeping; part-time to overseeing repairs and alterations; part-time to supervising nine primary schools; several days each month to school board meetings, classical and synodical meetings, station meetings, mission meetings, and medical conferences to add to the variety of life. Recently I have been given another full-time job, that of hospital superintendent, which Miss Traub relinquished in preparation for going on furlough. Then just to fill up spare moments, Dr. Casselman has urged that I drop him frequent notes of what is happening at Yoyang. It goes without saying that when one person tries to spread himself over the tasks formerly divided among four workers, the work must suffer."

This cannot continue indefinitely. Our little band of faithful workers in our China Mission must have reinforcement and relief soon. Some of them are already showing signs of breaking under the strain. The Church at home has no right to expect its missionaries to do double service year after year. The obvious reality must be faced by the Church. We must either reinforce some of our work or abandon it. There is no other decent alternative.

Very happily the Board was enabled to restore a portion of the devastating cut in salary to the China Mission last year. What this has meant to the missionaries is revealed most beautifully in the following extract from a letter of one of our older missionaries:

"We appreciate most heartily the action of the Board in restoring a portion of the salary allowances this year. After savings were used and expenses were cut down to the limit and we were still unable to make ends meet, we surely did feel ourselves in precarious condition. Your actions give us a new lease on life and a new hope for missionary service in China."

In spite of all the confusion of the present time, the China Mission has had one of the best years it has ever had. Every department of the work is prospering. As has already been indicated, 1936 was one of the

most prosperous years in the history of the China Mission. At the annual meeting of the Mission in 1937 the following statistical percentages were presented for the year 1936: *Evangelistic*: Net membership increase in all our fields, 7½%; increase in Sunday-school membership, 44%; increase in church attendance, 25%. *Educational*: Average increase in the enrollment in schools, 36%; increase in number of students majoring in agriculture, 37%; increase in enrollment in religious education, 34%. *Medical*: Increase in number of dispensary treatments, 13%; increase in number of preventive treatments, 56%; decrease in number of charity cases, 28%; increase in Chinese contributions, 36%.

A little lesson in Chinese is necessitated when we think of our China Mission. The names of the cities of our main stations have been changed. The old names of these cities have been restored. Yochow is now Yoyang; Shenchow is now Yuanling.

THE TESTIMONY OF MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK

What the Chinese people think of the Christian Church in China these days is most magnificently presented in an address made by Madame Chiang Kai-shek at the monthly conference prayer-meeting of American and British missionaries in Hankow, the present capital of China, on Wednesday afternoon, April 6, 1938. Amongst other things she said:

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the well-wishers of China, all of you who have prayed for our country and our people in their distress. In passing I might mention that every month since the beginning of this war the Generalissimo and I have received hundreds of letters from Christians all over the world telling us that they are our debt of gratitude to the missionary body all over China who have praying for us. I want to express our appreciation. The Generalissimo and I feel that no words which we could speak could sufficiently express been a great help to the distressed and the best of friends to the hundreds of thousands of refugees. Please take this as a personal tribute to your courage and self-sacrificing spirit, to your valor and determination, to help our people regardless of the dangers to your own persons and lives. The fact that you not only risked your lives in succoring the wounded, but also helped the destitute and saved many of our women and girls from a fate worse than death, and gave hope and support to all the refugees, has moved the whole Chinese nation to a sense of appreciation of the true Christian spirit which animated you and your actions.

"I need not stress here what missionaries, in the past, have already done in educational, medical, industrial and agricultural lines to help the people all over the country. . . . Coming back to the war, it was the missionaries who foresaw the need of refugee zones which have saved hundreds of thousands of people, men, women and children. From all over China come the reports of work like this.

"As you remember, some years ago there was much criticism of missionary effort among Chinese people. Today those who have criticized you in the past have been completely won over by the courage of what you are doing. . . . It gives me great pleasure, therefore, today, to tell you that by your work and the spirit that underlies it, you have made manifest the meaning of true Christianity. . . . The results of your efforts are so appreciated by the government and the people that the Generalissimo has now found it possible to have that law forbidding religion to be compulsorily taught in Christian schools amended, so that religious subjects may henceforth be taught in registered mission schools. This decision is the greatest testimony in the history of China of our appreciation of the value of the real, vital contribution that Christianity has made to the spiritual well-being and livelihood of our

people. I am pleased to say that you have had the leading share in making this realization possible, by interpreting practical Christianity in its finest sense."

THE EVANGELISTIC WORK

Our evangelistic missionaries report intense and unusual interest in the spiritual affairs and in the message of the Church. The outspoken Christian stand of Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek and a great many other Christian leaders of the Chinese nation has had a very definite influence upon the Christian movement in China. Many people who would not otherwise have heard or paid much attention to the Christian message are now making inquiry as to what it really is. Then, too, the flight of so many people from the older eastern coast cities of China, where Christianity has been known longer than in the interior, has sent out a great group of Christian leaders from the eastern metropolitan centers to smaller places in the interior. These Christian people have taken the Gospel with them. The history of the Apostolic Church is being repeated: "They therefore that were scattered abroad went about preaching the Word."

In our main churches and out-stations baptisms have been many. Easter, 1936 and 1937, have been red letter days for our congregations—in the genuine Chinese significance of that term. A recent letter from one of our evangelistic missionaries says: "Christmas was celebrated in the church without as much display as in former years, but it seemed to me with more feeling. . . . I spent last Sunday in Taolin. Twenty-three united with the church. Ninety-three partook of the Holy Communion. Not all could secure standing room in the chapel, so some of us were in the guest room where we could hear but not see."

At the last annual meeting of the China Mission a special committee reported on evangelistic survey and projects. The conclusion of their report is most pertinent: "The need of the whole China field is great, the challenge is greater, and the Lord's command is incontrovertible. Money is needed more than before to supply better equipment and meet the gradually rising standard of living among a people at present merely subsisting. Men are still needed more than money, for hearts are more responsive than ever. But our greatest need is not for money, not even for men; it is for prayer, because the pressure of forces working upon China is more awful and challenging than before and spiritual guidance is absolutely indispensable."

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK

Our four high schools, Huping and Eastview Schools for boys, and Ziemer Memorial and Chenteh Schools for girls, are filled with students. Our difficulty is to accommodate them. Report comes that our primary schools associated with these high schools are larger than ever.

While the older schools at Yoyang, formerly Yochow, have large enrollments, yet a great many students were not permitted to return to these schools because the city is on the main line of the railway between Hankow and Canton, which is frequently bombed. However, the schools farther interior in the city of Yuanling, formerly Shenchow, are crowded to overflowing. Our mission representatives at Eastview Boys' School says: "School opened for the spring semester February 14. We have a very large enrollment; the grand total is 340. This is the largest enrollment we have ever had, and our class rooms are crowded. This large attendance is due to the fact that many families have come up to this city for refuge from Japanese soldiers and bombings."

The same thing is true of Chenteh Girls' School. The mission representative writes of this same period that the fall term of the school

closed on January 21, 1938, with an enrollment of 199 girls. After the short term winter vacation the school reopened for the second term on February 16, 1938, with an enrollment of 325. One can well imagine the difficulty of having a high school almost doubled in enrollment in three weeks. Many of these girls were brought to school by Christian mothers who were seeking safety for their daughters in the interior of China.

A recent letter from our representative at Central China College reveals the fact that this college has three times the enrollment it had expected under the emergency, and hardly knows what to do with its students.

UNION INSTITUTIONS

In addition to the institutions under the direct control of the China Mission, the Reformed Church is associated in China with five union institutions of learning.

Central China College, at Wuchang, Hupeh, the union institution in which our educational work of collegiate grade is carried on, is one of the smaller colleges of Central China, but one of the best. We are associated in this college with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, the English Congregational Church, the English Methodist Church, and the Christian Association of Yale University. The Department of Education of Central China College has been assigned to the Reformed Church. Through the support of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod a superior laboratory school for practice teaching has been made possible for this Department of Education.

The training of theological students for our China Mission is done in Central China Union Theological Seminary, at Wuchang, Hupeh. Our missionary, Dr. Paul E. Keller, is president of this institution.

In the city of Changsha, the capital of Hunan province, are located two senior high schools with which we are associated in union with other missions, Yali Boys' High School, a portion of Yale-in-China, and Fuh Siang Girls' High School.

Through the contributions of the Woman's Missionary Society the Reformed Church is associated with one of the great interdenominational women's colleges of China, Ginling College of Nanking.

THE MEDICAL WORK

All hospitals in China these days are filled to the limit. This is true of our own Hoy Memorial Hospital at Yoyang and Abounding Grace Hospital at Yuanling. Reports from each of these hospitals tell of the need for more beds and more space for service to the sick in Christ's name. A recent letter from the superintendent of Hoy Memorial Hospital says: "Hoy Memorial Hospital is very crowded at present. We are putting some beds in the former nurses' study room, as last week every bed was full. This influx of patients is taxing the strength of our small nursing staff. I was able to purchase, at a price, all the drugs we need for the hospital. The most expensive, or rather the greatest increases in price, have been in the ordinary drugs such as vaseline and epsom salts. They are bulky and rail freight from Hong-kong is very high. We are worried in particular as to how we can run the sterilizer after we cannot buy kerosene. This has doubled in price and is getting quite scarce." The mission representative at Abounding Grace Hospital reports that its services were never more in demand than at present. The great influx of refugees from coastal regions has sent medical people and nurses back into the interior, which is of decided assistance to the smaller hospitals in interior provinces. Each of

our hospitals ought to have some extra support these days in order to enable them to take advantage of the opportunities for service which present themselves daily.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA

In all of this commotion of war and in all the subsequent sufferings which accompany it, the record of the Christian Church in China stands out in significant and inspiring prominence. The Christian Church of the world can well be proud of the Christian Church of China in this emergency. The Christian churches have been in the forefront in every effort for the alleviation of human suffering of body, mind and soul. Missionaries in war-stricken areas, especially Christian doctors and nurses, have stayed at their posts through unbelievable difficulties. Christian missionaries and pastors have organized refugee and relief work with astonishing success. The Chinese people know this and they will not forget. From all over China come expressions of admiration and appreciation of what the Christian Church is doing in this crisis. It is possible that God may yet cause the wrath of men to praise Him.

Dr. P. V. Taylor, dean of the faculty of Central China College, in Wuchang, in the midst of war relief and almost daily Japanese bombings, writes: "We missionaries may be foreigners, but we are one in sufferings and sorrows, with our Chinese colleagues. Our keenest sufferings, and theirs, are of mind and of spirit. Our lives we hold as nothing, and property as less than nothing. And they much more so than we. It is the loss of faith in those ideals of Christianity which they had hoped were taking root in the nations, which they feel to be the great tragedy of our times. These colleagues of ours are brave: they face a dark future courageously. Some have the bravery to stay here in the direct path of an advancing enemy, teaching and preaching, when they know that to do so means almost certain death. Some of them have the bravery to leave their homes and journey into distant parts of the country, where they face almost certain starvation, rather than have any association with the forces of destruction. No one can run away, we missionaries least of all. There is no escape from the problem. We desire none. We face it gladly under the direction of our Lord and Master. We court no favoritism; we look for no reward. We are deceived by no propaganda. We believe that the Gospel of Christ will ultimately triumph. If we fall short in this generation, there is always another generation coming on."

It is absolutely essential right now that the Church here at home support and sustain our missionaries and their Chinese co-laborers in the Church of Christ in China.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CHINA MISSION

American Staff: Missionaries, 30; ordained men, 10; unordained men, 1; wives of missionaries, 11; unmarried women, 8. Missionaries in evangelistic work, 6; in educational work, 11; in medical work, 3; under appointment, 4.

Chinese Staff: Total workers, 161; ordained men, 6; unordained men in evangelistic work, 36; Bible women and helpers, 14; men teachers, 74; women teachers, 22; physicians, 3; nurses, 6.

Evangelistic Work: Organized churches, 7; other preaching places, 42; communicants added, 155; total communicants, 983; total Christian constituency, 2,913; Sunday-schools, 34; Sunday-school teachers, 115; total teachers and pupils, 1,818; Chinese contributions to church, \$727.00.

Educational Work: Kindergartens, 3; pupils in kindergartens, 89; primary schools, 13; pupils in primary schools, 870. Huping Agricultural Normal School, 150. Ziemer Memorial Girls' School, 252. East-view Middle Schools, 340. Chenteh Girls' School, 325.

Medical Work: Hospitals, 2; number of beds, 84; number of in-patients, 1,250; dispensaries, 4; dispensary treatments, 24,797; home treatments, 85; Chinese contributions, \$4,341.00.

Union Educational Institutions: Number of union institutions, 5; missionaries assigned by Reformed Church, 3.

The United Mission in Mesopotamia

The annual report of the United Mission in Mesopotamia concludes as follows: "On the whole, the Mission is in a healthy condition and believes that its work is more important than ever. In these days when so many factors tend to concentrate the attention of the people on nationalism, especially the political and economic aspects of it, with the increasing emphasis on racial discriminations, we dare not relax the effort to call men to the discipleship of Christ and nations to the one true Kingdom which knows no distinctions of race. Anew we devote ourselves to this work, counting on the necessary support, material and spiritual, from our home churches."

We are very glad to report that the Reformed Church has a new representative in the United Mission in Mesopotamia in the person of Miss Elisabeth R. Calverley who went to the field last fall and is assigned to the Girls' School in Baghdad. Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Glessner are in charge of the evangelistic station in Kirkuk. In their annual personal report, Mr. and Mrs. Glessner say, "The year which has just closed has, like all other years, had its hopes and disappointments, its joys and its heartaches. Our activities have been much the same as in former years, all with an eye to widening our circle of friends and our scope of individual contacts. In a situation such as our Mission faces, a lot of our work must be carried on in an informal way. The Dodge 'Bible Wagon' has been our old stand-by, carrying us up and down the desert in all kinds of weather."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE UNITED MISSION IN MESOPOTAMIA

Stations, 5; preaching places, 8; ordained missionaries, 5; wives of missionaries, 5; women missionaries, 2; missionaries of the Reformed Church, 3; native ordained ministers, 4; native evangelists, 7; churches, 2; communicants, 295; received on confession, 14; boarding schools, 1; students, 6; Sunday-schools, 3; pupils, 172; day schools, 2; students, 162; contributions on the field, \$3,200.00.

Missionary Personnel

Missionaries in Service at the present time are listed below in the order of their seniority of service:

Japan: Dr. and Mrs. David B. Schneder, Sendai; Dr. and Mrs. Paul L. Gerhard, Sendai; Miss B. Catherine Pifer, Tokyo; Dr. and Mrs. William G. Seiple, Tokyo; Miss Mary E. Gerhard, Sendai; Dr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Zaugg, Sendai; Dr. Kate I. Hansen, Sendai; Miss Lydia A. Lindsey, Sendai; Dr. and Mrs. Carl D. Kriete, Sendai; Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Ankeney, Sendai; Mrs. F. B. Nicodemus, Sendai; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Stoudt, Sendai; Rev. and Mrs. Frank L. Fesperman, Sendai; Rev. and Mrs. W. Carl Nugent, Yamagata; Rev. and Mrs. George S. Noss, Aomori; Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Schroer, Morioka; Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gerhard, Sendai; Rev. and Mrs. Marcus J. Engelmann, Wakamatsu; Miss Harriet P. Smith, Sendai; Mr. Charles M. LeGalley, Tokyo; Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Sipple, Sendai; Miss Margaret Garman, Sendai; Miss Alice M. Ilsley, Sendai; Miss Alma C. Naefe, Sendai.

China: Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Keller, Wuchang; Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Bucher, Yuanling; Rev. and Mrs. Edwin A. Beck, Yoyang; Miss Alice E. Traub, Yoyang; Rev. and Mrs. Ward Hartman, Yungsui; Miss Gertrude B. Hoy, Yoyang; Miss Mary E. Myers, Yoyang; Miss Minerva S. Weil, Yuanling; Rev. and Mrs. George Randolph Snyder, Yuanling; Rev. and Mrs. Sterling W. Whitener, Yoyang; Miss A. Katherine Zierdt, Yuanling; Dr. and Mrs. Paul V. Taylor, Wuchang; Rev. and Mrs. Theophilus F. Hilgeman, Yoyang; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Beck, Yoyang; Miss Helen E. Brown, Yuanling; Miss Lucile Hartman, Yoyang; Miss Gertrude M. Zenk, language study, Hongkong.

Mesopotamia: Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson C. Glessner, Kirkuk; Miss Elisabeth R. Calverley, Baghdad.

Missionary Deaths: It is with sincere sorrow that the Board is compelled to record the death of two of its veteran missionaries. Mr. Frederick B. Nicodemus, for many years teacher in North Japan College, died September 23, 1937, at Claremont, California, where he had been invalidated home earlier in the year. Mary Ault Hoy, of Yoyang, China, the widow of Dr. William E. Hoy, died in the hospital at Hankow, China, November 5, 1937. Mrs. Hoy was the oldest in service of our entire missionary personnel, having been a pioneer in both the Japan and China Missions.

New Missionaries: During the past year our missionary force in China was augmented by the election of the following new missionaries: Miss Gertrude M. Zenk, Rev. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Kohler, and Dr. and Mrs. R. Pierce Beaver. Miss Zenk had already started on her journey when hostilities broke out in China and she has been detained in Hongkong where she is spending her time studying the language. Mr. and Mrs. Kohler and Dr. and Mrs. Beaver are awaiting the time when circumstances will permit their going to China. Miss Elisabeth R. Calverley was appointed to the United Mission in Mesopotamia and has been assigned to the Girls' School in Baghdad. Miss Margaret R. Kriete has been appointed to Japan and assigned to Miyagi College.

Missionaries Returning: The following missionaries returned to their fields of labor this past year: Dr. P. V. Taylor, China; Miss Mary E. Gerhard, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. George S. Noss, Japan; Dr. and Mrs. William G. Seiple, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Ankeney, Japan. Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Schneder, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Zaugg, and Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Schroer of the Japan Mission, and Rev. E. A. Beck, of the China Mission, will return to their fields of labor this summer.

Missionaries at Home: The following missionaries from China are now on furlough or forced leave in the United States: Mrs. E. A. Beck, Mrs. P. V. Taylor, Miss Alice E. Traub, Rev. and Mrs. T. F. H. Hilgeman, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Beck, and Mrs. P. E. Keller.

Missionaries Released: It is with the deepest regret that the Board has been compelled to release four very successful missionaries during the past two years: Rev. and Mrs. Karl H. Beck, who have assumed the pastorate of a church at home; Miss Marie Leidal, whose term of service as voice teacher in Miyagi College has expired; and Miss Erna J. Flatter, who withdrew from the China Mission at the beginning of the present hostilities and finds it inexpedient to return. It is a calamity to lose the valued services of these missionaries at this time.

NEW MISSIONARIES NEEDED

There are several definite immediate needs in missionary personnel. Those for Japan can be met immediately, while those for China must await the day when it will be possible to obtain American passports for

travel to China. Two years ago we announced the death of two veteran evangelistic missionaries in Japan, Dr. Christopher Noss and Dr. Henry K. Miller. The places of those veterans have not been filled and are the most urgent needs of the Japan Mission today. Then, too, there is need of a commercial teacher of English for North Japan College, and a teacher of Home Economics, a teacher of English, and a teacher of voice for Miyagi College.

The China Mission is desperately in need of the following workers: a doctor for Yoyang, a doctor for Yuanling, a teacher for Eastview Boys' School, a man evangelistic worker for Yuanling, a teacher for Huping Agricultural Normal School, a graduate nurse, a woman evangelistic worker for Yoyang, a woman substitute teacher for Ziemer Memorial and Chenteh Girls' Schools. It is of the utmost importance that some of these people be sent at the earliest moment. As has already been stated in this report, it is absolutely essential that our China Mission have some reinforcement of personnel.

The Work at Home

BOARD PERSONNEL

Membership: Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D., Rev. Albert B. Bauman, D.D., Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., LL.D., Rev. William F. Kosman, D.D., Rev. Calvin M. Zenk, D.D., Rev. Edgar F. Hoffmeier, D.D., Rev. Tillman W. Hoernemann, D.D., Rev. Gerard H. Gebhardt, Elder David A. Miller, Elder J. Q. Truxal, Elder Henry C. Heckerman, Elder Edward S. Fretz, Elder John B. Mohler, Elder E. Fred Bloemker, Elder G. Willis Hartman, M.D.

Officers: President, Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D.; Vice-President, Elder Henry C. Heckerman; Secretary, Rev. Arthur V. Casselman, D.D.; Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Rev. John H. Poorman; Treasurer, Rev. Jacob G. Rupp, D.D.

Field Secretaries: Rev. Jacob G. Rupp, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Rev. H. H. Casselman, Tiffin, Ohio.

Associate Workers: Advisory Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, Mrs. F. W. Leich; Mrs. L. L. Anewalt; Mrs. D. J. Snyder.

Executive Committee: Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D., Elder Henry C. Heckerman, Rev. Arthur V. Casselman, D.D., Rev. Jacob G. Rupp, D.D., Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., Elder David A. Miller, Elder J. Q. Truxal.

Finance Committee: Elder David A. Miller, Elder J. Q. Truxal, Elder John B. Mohler, Elder E. Fred Bloemker, Rev. Jacob G. Rupp, D.D., Mrs. D. J. Snyder.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

It is a source of sincere gratification for the Board to be able to announce to the Church that its financial condition has continued to improve during the past two years. In the years 1936 and 1937 the Board balanced its budget and lived within its income. All of its budget expenses, including the salaries of the missionaries, were paid promptly each month, and substantial reductions were made each year on its indebtedness. The total receipts in the general fund for 1937, from which the budget items of the Board are paid, were \$236,293.15; the budget expenditures were \$236,265.00; showing a budget balance in the general fund of \$28.15, which, to be sure, is not much, but is on the right side. The gross receipts of the Board for the year 1937 were \$311,233.86, an

increase over the year 1936 of \$64,476.65. The financial particulars will be found in the appended report of the treasurer.

THE BUDGET OF THE BOARD

The Board of Foreign Missions would respectfully present and urge for acceptance the following budget for the years 1939 and 1940: Japan Mission, \$150,000.00; China Mission, \$100,000.00; Mesopotamia Mission, \$7,000.00; India Mission, \$10,000.00; Honduras Mission, \$3,000.00; Africa Mission, \$2,000.00; administration, \$15,000.00; field work, \$7,000.00; Co-operative Departments, \$1,500.00; interdenominational work, \$1,500.00; literature, \$1,000.00; interest on notes, \$7,000.00; interest on annuities, \$10,000.00; emergency fund, \$5,000.00; debt liquidation, \$30,000.00; total, \$350,000.00.

ANNUITY GIFTS

The Board of Foreign Missions desires to call especial attention this Centennial year to the matter of annuity gifts. The Board would urge upon the attention of the devoted servants of the Church during this Centennial year the advisability and desirability of contributing annuity gifts to the Board. Pastors and elders are earnestly requested to act as the Board's agents in contacting prospective annuity donors.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

No report of the Board of Foreign Missions would be complete without the recognition of its debt of gratitude to the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod for its continued interest and loyal support. On June 2, 1938, the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod will celebrate its Jubilee anniversary. During the past fifty years the Woman's Missionary Society has contributed to the Board of Foreign Missions the splendid sum of approximately \$1,200,000. Without the generous gifts received from this society many of the splendid accomplishments of the Board of Foreign Missions would have been impossible; and, were it not for the continued support of the society during the past two years, the Board would have been compelled to abandon some of its most promising work. The outstanding gift to the Board in the past two years was that of \$35,000.00 from the Woman's Missionary Society for the erection of the chapel-auditorium for Miyagi College in Sendai, Japan. In addition to this generous gift, the society has contributed to the regular budget of the Board in 1936 and 1937 the sum of \$65,560.01. It is of the utmost importance to the cause of International Missions that some arrangements be made in the new merged Church for the conservation of the work and cultivation of the gifts of the Woman's Missionary Society.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

The newly-organized Cooperative Council of Missionary Education, under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, the Board of Christian Education, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Women's Union, and the Churchmen's Brotherhood, has been functioning under the direction of Rev. David D. Baker since June 1, 1937, and has already made most valuable contributions to missionary education through the periodicals and publications of the Church and the integration of missionary education into the total educational program of the Church.

The Foreign Mission theme for interdenominational mission study during the coming year is "India." This theme comes at a most opportune time for the Reformed constituency of the united Church in that

it will enable us to gain first-hand and much-desired information concerning the Mission which the Evangelical Synod of North America has conducted with such success in India.

In addition to the usual interdenominational text-books which will be used at the various missionary conferences, church schools and camps during the year, a number of stereopticon and motion-picture lectures are available. The Board of International Missions now has one of the largest and finest collections of motion-picture films of any denomination in America. Congregations are urged to avail themselves of the use of these pictures.

THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS

The "Outlook of Missions," now in its thirtieth year, continues to be a valuable means of promoting missionary activity and providing material for missionary education. It has a subscription list of approximately 5,000; and, since it is almost self-supporting, it constitutes the most economical and efficient organ of missionary promotion and education available to the Board of Foreign Missions. There has been some agitation of the subject of discontinuing the "Outlook of Missions" and combining it with the "Messenger." The Board of Foreign Missions has considered this subject carefully and is of the general opinion that the "Outlook of Missions" should be continued as a definite missionary periodical unless and until some other publication can be projected and sustained which will contribute equally well to the support of the missionary projects of the Church.

FOREIGN MISSION SEASON

The Foreign Mission season of emphasis, from Epiphany Day, January 6, to Foreign Mission Sunday, the second Sunday in February, has been observed universally and enthusiastically throughout the Church. By cordial cooperation with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod, a series of splendid helps for the occasion has been published and used with great effectiveness throughout the entire Church. The special offerings from the season, culminating on Foreign Mission Sunday, have been used for the most part for the liquidation of the Board's indebtedness, and no small portion of the success of the Board in reducing its deficit is due to the generosity of these special Foreign Mission Day offerings. The Board of Foreign Missions earnestly requests that the Epiphany season, from January 6 to the second Sunday in February, be set apart as a season for missionary emphasis with special reference to prayer for Missions, mission study and missionary giving.

THE MADRAS CONFERENCE

What promises to be one of the most important conferences ever held in the history of the Christian Church is the one scheduled for Madras, India, December 13 to 30, 1938, under the auspices of the International Missionary Council. At Christmas-time, 1938, four hundred and fifty representatives from every nation where the Christian Church exists will meet in world fellowship and confer together concerning the world-wide mission of the Church. By a very happy choice the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be represented by Dr. F. A. Goetsch, who for eighteen years was a missionary in India. Special plans are being laid for the best possible report of this conference to the Church in America during the early months of 1939. It is to be hoped that the Evangelical and Reformed Church will cooperate heartily in these post-conference meetings in order that the full benefit of this international conference may be made available for the missionary life of the Church.

THE UNITED CHURCH

One of the happiest activities of the Board of Foreign Missions during the past two years has been its association with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod, and one of the most inspiring prospects for the immediate future is the consummation of the union of the Boards of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States. Pursuant to the action of the last General Synod, representatives of both Boards of Foreign Missions of the united Church have organized a Board of International Missions as a joint consultative and administrative agency of the two Boards until the action of the General Synod makes it possible for them to form a corporate union. This new Board has appointed various committees for the purpose of making arrangements for the union of the work of the two Boards, and most encouraging and commendable progress has been made. The new world field presented to the Church by this union should prove an inspiration to the whole Church.

CALL TO PRAYER

The present situation in the mission fields to which we are especially bound by ties of service calls for more wisdom and skill and power than are available from human resources. The Church must tap the hitherto-unreached but ever-available resources of God, remembering that "the resources of God are promised to those who attempt the program of God." Every letter from our representatives on the foreign field contains the old request of the missionary church which has come down through the ages from its first great missionary: "Brethren, pray for us." There ought to arise from the Church these days a great volume of intercessory prayer for the Board of Foreign Missions, our missionaries, and our Christian brethren of the national Churches on the mission field.

THE PROSPECT

The foreign mission enterprise faces a critical and challenging world situation both abroad and at home. This situation compels the Christian Church to give most serious consideration to the present state of the world and to the Church's own responsibility. The Church cannot stand aside from the affairs of the world in the vain hope of keeping itself and its people out of trouble. The policy of spiritual isolation is futile as well as un-Christian. The Church must testify to its faith in the reality of the Kingdom of God. In these days of universal trouble we are not without hope for we believe in God. To witness with renewed devotion to the efficacy of the Gospel of Jesus for the solution of every human problem in every land is the imperative call to all the followers of Jesus Christ. Missionaries and missionary administrators are confronted with new and difficult problems, the solution of which is of superlative consequence. Your missionaries and your Board bespeak from the Church her abiding interest, sincere confidence, loyal support and earnest prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charles E. Creitz, President,
A. V. Casselman, Secretary.*

Treasurer's Statement

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEARS 1936 AND 1937

INCOME

	1936	1937
Apportionment	\$153,701.23	\$159,243.47
Woman's Missionary Society, Budget....	35,173.50	30,386.51
Woman's Missionary Soc'y, Designations	1,317.77	36,436.26
Evangelical Board of Foreign Missions...		13,750.00
Annuities	11,360.00	14,315.00
Bequests	4,072.71	11,870.48
Specials	28,560.57	42,596.68
Sale of Invested Funds.....	143.39	529.23
Income on Investments	536.53	986.23
Notes Receivable	875.00	1,020.00
Memorial Reserve	1,016.51	100.00
	<u>\$236,757.21</u>	<u>\$311,233.86</u>

EXPENDITURES

China Mission	\$ 50,625.09	\$ 63,351.07
Japan Mission	114,676.93	111,634.37
United Mission in Mesopotamia.....	4,875.00	5,500.00
Evangelical Board of Foreign Missions..		13,750.00
Designated Specials	3,181.58	38,307.59
Home Administrative Expenses	12,430.19	12,401.15
Home Educational Expenses	7,578.37	8,527.46
Debt Liquidation Expenses.....	2,887.75	3,176.95
Interest on Annuities	10,313.40	10,333.16
Interest on Notes	9,249.49	7,500.97
Co-operative Departments	1,000.00	1,087.50
Interdenominational	700.00	828.62
Emergency and Relief	1,566.20	1,350.70
Memorial Reserve	500.00	
	<u>\$219,584.00</u>	<u>\$277,749.54</u>
Income in Excess of Expenditures...	\$ 17,173.21	\$ 33,484.32

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COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATUS

December 31, 1936 and 1937

LIABILITIES	1936	1937
Bank Notes	\$129,000.00	\$103,000.00
Notes on Demand	49,062.97	32,920.29
Designated Specials	198.83	12,245.85
Memorial Reserve	791.85	891.85
	<u>\$179,053.65</u>	<u>\$149,057.99</u>
ASSETS		
Cash in Banks and on Hand.....	\$ 39,582.01	\$ 30,923.65
Invested Funds	15,494.76	20,894.91
Notes Receivable	7,695.00	7,675.00
Annuities Receivable	1,265.00	950.00
	<u>64,036.77</u>	<u>60,443.56</u>
DEFICIT	<u>\$115,016.88</u>	<u>\$ 88,614.43</u>

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VALUE OF BOARD PROPERTY

Japan	\$1,750,000.00
China	300,000.00
	<u>\$2,050,000.00</u>

Note.—The Deficit as of April 30, 1938 is \$77,948.53.

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Jacob G. Rupp, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
(Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

The holding of another General Synod lays upon the administrative boards the obligation of rendering an account of their stewardship. While the Board of Foreign Missions is not conscious of having in itself achieved such outstanding results that it could legitimately count upon the commendation of the Church at large, it does realize with thanksgiving that the work entrusted to it has been richly blessed of God and that for this reason it will challenge the Church to thanksgiving and praise and to renewed and greater efforts in the accomplishment of its missionary task.

In submitting its report, the Board of Foreign Missions desires to express to the Church and its membership its appreciation of its support and co-operation. From many letters and personal contacts and through the financial support which has come through the budget and through special designations, the Board has realized what an important place the foreign missionary enterprise has in the thinking and the life of the Church. This has been encouraging and it has challenged the Board to give to this enterprise that measure of devotion which the Church has a right to expect in the carrying out of its mandate. At the same time the Board looks forward to the time when the Church will back up its interest and its commitment to the great commission of our Master with enlarged financial support. With the horizons constantly expanding in the great missionary task of the Church in foreign fields, it is necessary for the Church to issue forth out of the narrowing influences of the depression years into the blessed experience of real Christian stewardship of life and possessions which alone is sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the great Kingdom task of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For convenience's sake, the material of this report is divided under the subheads of Home Base, India, and Honduras.

I. HOME BASE

The personnel of the Board remains unchanged since the last General Synod. Its membership is as follows: Rev. Theo. R. Schmale, Chairman; Rev. E. Schmidt, Vice-chairman; Rev. A. C. Rasche, D.D., Recording Secretary; Mr. Paul H. Schulz, Treasurer; Rev. J. Otto Reller; Rev. G. Siegenthaler; Rev. Th. H. Twente; Mrs. Ida Pauley; Mrs. A. J. Ehlers; Executive Secretary, Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D.

The Board met regularly twice a year, usually in Cleveland, Ohio, to transact the business coming before it. In view of the fact that a Board of Foreign Missions must deal with the identical problems in foreign fields which confront the denomination in the homeland, such meetings are periods of intense application and hard work. Board members concern themselves with questions relating to evangelism, Church union, educational institutions, religious education, home missions in the India field, charitable institutions, publications, pensions and relief, missionary education, auxiliary organizations, as well as co-operative activities with other Churches in the building of the Kingdom of God in the entire world. Thus, a Board meeting on the foreign missionary enterprise of the Church deals with a very inclusive agenda and has far-reaching results, not only in the actual foreign missionary fields, but in bringing about a better understanding in the home Church as well of the inter-relatedness of Christian work throughout the entire world.

ADMINISTRATION

Finances

The budget of the Board of Foreign Missions for 1938 called for the following expenditures: India, \$129,154.34; Honduras, \$31,473.01; Japan Mission, \$10,000.00; China Mission, \$4,500.00; Mesopotamia Mission, \$500.00; Administration, \$11,580.00; Travel Expenses of missionaries returning to their work in foreign fields and while at home, \$8,325.00; Missionary Education, \$1,250.00; Denominational work, \$1,725.00; Promotion and Literature, \$2,250.00; Interest on Annuities, \$1,815.00; Insurance and Pensions, \$980.00; Unforeseen, \$1,000.00; a total of \$204,552.35.

NOTE: The amount actually required to carry out the program provided for in the above budget is \$189,552.35 because just as the Board of the "E" group contributes \$15,000.00 to the work of the Foreign Board of the "R" group, a like amount is contributed by the Foreign Board of the "R" group to the work in India and Honduras.

New Missionaries

During the biennium just completed, the Board was able to replace a number of the missionaries who had for reasons of health or otherwise, been compelled to leave our mission fields in India and Honduras. In January, 1937, Miss Helen Mueller was sent to the India field after having been commissioned as a missionary of the Church in St. Peter's Church, Kansas City. Miss Mueller was assigned to the evangelistic branch of the work in Raipur, India. In the fall of the year she was united in marriage to Dr. Harold G. Freund of Tilda. As Mrs. Helen Mueller Freund, she has taken over the work left vacant by the death of Miss Lydia Kies in August, 1937.

In October, 1937, the Board sent forth Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Gumper to the Honduras field. Rev. Gumper graduated with the 1937 class at Eden Seminary, St. Louis, and was commissioned as a missionary of the Church in the chapel of the Seminary just prior to leaving for the Honduras field. Rev. and Mrs. Gumper have found their field of work in the department of Yoro, Honduras.

In January, 1938, Miss Louise Kurtze, of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, sailed for the Honduras field with Rev. Theo. R. Schmale, Chairman of the Board, and Dr. F. A. Goetsch, Executive Secretary of the Board, who were bound on a voyage of visitation to that field. Miss Kurtze found her field of work in the school in San Pedro Sula.

Missionary Promotion

During the biennium, the Board of Foreign Missions carried out planned promotional tours through a number of districts of the Church. During 1936 the districts visited were the Nebraska, Missouri, West Missouri, and Ohio; while during 1937, the Indiana, North Illinois and Iowa districts were visited by missionaries of the Board. The Board owes a debt of gratitude to the furloughed missionaries who so devotedly carried out this large promotional program and also to the churches and pastors who so graciously received them and the message which they brought. A record of the churches visited by the furloughed missionaries and the Executive Secretary during the period of April to October, 1937, shows a total of more than 300 churches visited. The Board is convinced that through this large promotional work it has contributed very materially to an increase in the Christian and missionary consciousness of the churches and has also undoubtedly helped in the raising of the benevolent budget of the denomination.

The Menzel Memorial

During 1937, efforts were made to raise a suitable memorial to the memory of the sainted Dr. Paul A. Menzel, for many years Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. In recognition of Dr. Menzel's great interest in the youth of our Church and its enlistment in the great Christian enterprise, the most suitable memorial to Dr. Menzel's memory seemed to the Board of Foreign Missions to be the establishment of missionary lectureships in Eden Theological Seminary and in Elmhurst College and the enlargement of the libraries of both institutions by standard works on foreign missions. The sum of \$5,735.94 has been received for this project as this report is written.

Foreign Mission Emphasis Season

The Board of Foreign Missions in co-operation with the Board of Foreign Missions of the "R" group prepared helpful foreign missionary materials for use in the churches to stimulate interest in the cause and to acquaint the constituency with the work being done in the various foreign mission fields of the Church. The period set aside for this missionary emphasis was January 6 to February 14 both in 1937 and 1938. In both years a six-page rotogravure containing many interesting pictures from the five fields of the Evangelical and Reformed Church went out early in January to be available for the emphasis period. Other useful pamphlets and leaflets were included. From the comments which have reached the Board offices, it is apparent that this service was pretty generally welcomed by our pastors and churches.

Missionary Education

After a lapse of a number of years, due to the financial stringency, the department of Missionary Education began to function once more in June, 1937. The department is sponsored by the Boards of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Christian Education and by the Women's and Men's auxiliary organizations of the United Church. The Rev. D. D. Baker, of Baltimore, Maryland, accepted the call extended him by the Co-operative Council to become the director of this department and assumed the duties of his office on June 1, 1937.

Since taking over his duties as director of the Department, Rev. Mr. Baker established his offices in the Evangelical Synod building at 1720 Chouteau Avenue, Saint Louis, Mo. He has traveled widely in the interest of the missionary educational work of the Church and has visited many of the summer schools and conferences during the summer of 1937 and many conventions and churches during the course of the year. He has prepared a number of pamphlets and study courses as will be seen from the following brief extract from his own report:

"I prepared the material for the pamphlet, *Christ in the Life of the World*, for the Board of Christian Education, and the material for the general study topic, *International Missions*, for the Churchmen's Brotherhood. In collaboration with my wife, I prepared a two-month's study unit, *The World Adventure of the Christian Church*, which appeared in the first issues of *Youth*.

"I have also discharged such other duties as have come to me as a member of the Editorial Board of the Board of Christian Education.

"Much time and thought are being given to the formulation of a plan for a denominational missionary education program. This will include missionary materials and emphasis in leadership training schools and conferences, in the publications of the denomination, in church school lesson guides, in projects for the local congregation, such as *Schools of Missions*, and a correlation of the presentation of missions

by the various organizations working within the local church. It is hoped to have such a program outlined and materials available for use by September of this year."

Missionary Literature and Visual Aids

Though no new publications were issued by the Board of Foreign Missions during these two years, very valuable contributions of missionary reading were made through the columns of the "Messenger," the "Friedensbote," the "Outlook of Missions," "Our Work," "Fliegende Missions Blaetter" and "Our Mission Sunday." During the foreign mission emphasis period, interesting articles appeared in the "Builder" and other periodicals of the Church reaching the youth of the Church.

During the year 1937 the Board of Foreign Missions made available to the Church a number of complete sets of 16 mm. foreign missionary movies dealing principally with the India and Honduras fields of the Church but including also reels on work in Africa and the Moslem World. Among these are the following:

INDIA

The Work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the India Field.

In five reels.

Glimpses of India with Missionaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. In four reels.

Healing the Leper at Chandkuri, India. In three reels.

General Missionary Work in India. In three reels.

HONDURAS

A Visit to the Mission Field in Honduras of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. In three reels.

AFRICA

Africa Joins the World. In three reels.

MOSLEM WORLD

The Moslem World. In three reels.

EVANGELICAL SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS

This society was again a source of strength and help to the Board in the carrying out of its medical program in both India and Honduras. In 1936, the Society contributed the sum of \$1200.00 to the work of the Board and in 1937 the sum of \$2025.40. In addition to this financial aid, the members of the Society for Medical Missions unstintingly gave of their time and talents to the furtherance of the medical program of the Board, both at home and abroad. The Board desires to give expression of its thanks and appreciation to the officers of the Society—Rev. E. Th. Mueller, M.D., President; Mr. Paul Sandresky, M.D., Vice-President; Rev. G. Siegenthaler, Secretary; Mr. A. H. Noehren, M.D., Treasurer; and to the Financial and Field Secretaries of the Society, Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Lang. Mrs. Lang particularly gave of her splendid talents in promoting not only the work of the Society, but the foreign missionary program of the Church in many conventions, in churches, church organizations, and in summer schools.

Evangelical Women's Union

The Board of Foreign Missions considers it a happy privilege to acknowledge its deep indebtedness to the Evangelical Women's Union for the splendid support which it has given the cause of foreign mis-

sions during the biennium. Not only have the national organization and the various district and local organizations given many evidences of their interest in the missionary enterprise of the Church through repeated gifts and encouraging co-operation, but through the special Prayer Day and the Thankoffering Funds they have made available large financial contributions to the cause. During 1936, the Women's Union contributed the sum of \$2,591.66 toward the cost of rebuilding the Mahasamund Middle School at Mahasamund, India, and during 1937 the sum of \$2,844.10, toward the cost of enlarging the Tilda Hospital by the addition of rooms for the treatment of women patients.

MADRAS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Special interest also attached itself to the forthcoming meeting of the Madras Conference. As the great world missionary conference which had originally been planned for Hangchow, China, for the fall of 1938 could not be held as planned because of the state of war which prevailed in China, the place of meeting was changed to Madras in India and the date set for December 13-30, 1938. The Board of Foreign Missions sensed the extreme importance of these meetings in the future of the foreign missionary enterprise, and whole-heartedly entered into a co-operation with the missionary forces of the entire world to make this conference possible. The total membership of the conference is set for 450, to be made up of delegates from both the great missionary-sending countries of Christendom and the missionary-receiving countries of the world. The American delegation is to number 45, including six members from Canada. The Evangelical and Reformed Church was accorded one delegate to this great world conference in the person of Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D.

II. THE INDIA FIELD

General

It is well perhaps to cast a glance at the present political, social and religious situation in India as a whole in order that one may have a better understanding of the conditions under which the missionary enterprise is carrying on.

The Rev. Theo. C. Seybold comments on the social and religious upheaval taking place. "Caste is steadily losing ground and untouchability is going, so that there is a type of social mass conversion to new ideas and new customs taking place which runs parallel to the religious mass conversions among the untouchables to Christianity. The rate at which this is occurring is astonishingly rapid, and the result is that many of the educated non-Christians are really living in two worlds, as one expressed it, the old world in the home and the new world outside. The lower classes are especially being stirred and great meetings are held by the various groups of untouchables from time to time at which they discuss what their future status shall be. A new ferment is thus at work and the old wine sacks will not be able to hold the new that is emerging, though great efforts are being made to patch and repair them."

"As one watches these changes one cannot escape the conviction that if there ever was an urgent need for the Gospel of Christ in India it is now, and if ever the need for light was felt to dispel the darkness of uncertainty and dissatisfaction, that light is desperately needed today. We are, therefore, in the presence of a peculiar urgency. The responsibility of the moment is immeasurably great and the Christian Church is being put to as severe a test here as anywhere in the world. This

is, therefore, not a time in which to let missionary activity slacken, but quite the contrary, a time in which the missionary task must be recharged with a spirit of urgency."

OUR FIELD AND ITS MISSIONARIES

Our Missionaries

RAIPUR—Dr. and Mrs. J. Gass, Rev. Theo. C. Seybold, Miss Hedwig Schaeffer, Rev. and Mrs. T. Essebaggers; BISRAPUR—Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Menzel, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Baur; BAITALPUR—Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Schultz, Sister Minnie Gadt, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Whitcomb; PARSABHADER—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Koenig, Miss M. A. Wobus; MAHASAMUND—Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Davis; CHANDRAPUR—Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Albrecht; KHARIAR—Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Meyer; TILDA—Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Freund, Sister Alma Jungermann; MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH—Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Gass, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Feierabend, Miss Magdalene Kroehler, Miss Dorothea Riechers.

Passing of Miss Lydia Kies

During the past year the India Mission suffered the loss of one of its valued missionary members, Miss Lydia Kies, who passed away at Tilda after an illness of some months, and was buried in the mission cemetery at Bisrampur. Her devout Christian character and her devoted Christian service endeared her to her fellow workers and to the people among whom she labored.

THE INDIA CHURCH

Its Present Status

There has again been a growth in the membership of the India Mission District, as our Church in India is styled. The present census of the Church indicates a membership of 6,957 adults and children. This is an increase of 606 over the year 1936 when the membership was 6,351 and an increase of 1,263 over 1935 when the census showed a membership of 5,694. This is a very encouraging growth and shows that the Gospel is spreading at an accelerated pace in the Chhattisgarh area which for so many years showed but a very moderate increase in church membership each year.

Progress of Church Union

The consent of the home constituency now having been received, the Board of Foreign Missions expects to authorize the India Mission District to consummate the union with the United Church of North India at an early date. Its consummation will mark the fulfillment of a long-felt desire of the India Missionary Conference which always believed that a united Church of India was the most desirable form of church organization and would do more than almost any other single factor to make the Christian Church in India an indigenous one.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Evangelism

The evangelistic outlook in our field continues exceedingly hopeful. The gain in church membership recorded elsewhere is indicative of a real and wide-spread interest in the claims of Christ and His way of life. This interest is found principally among the Uriya speaking people of the Chandrapur-Charpali, Khariar and Mahasamund station areas, but whereas Chandrapur-Charpali showed the largest number of baptisms of non-Christians during 1936, this distinction fell to the

Khariar station in 1937. The Christian movement seems so widespread and so well established that we may confidently expect further accessions to the Church of Jesus Christ during the coming year.

Evangelistic Agencies

A number of our missionaries have been set aside for direct evangelistic activity. Their effectiveness is greatly enhanced by the support and co-operation of 107 evangelists and 20 Biblewomen whose sole occupation is the preaching of the Gospel throughout the 12,000 square miles of our field in Chhattisgarh and Orissa. An institution having immense possibilities of expansion is the system of voluntary service by lay leaders. This type of service has been developed principally in the Khariar and Pithora-Mahasamund areas.

The Evangelical Patrika

The Evangelical Patrika is for the India Church what the "Messenger" and "Friedensbote" are for the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the homeland. It carries in its columns Christian biographies and stories, popular articles related to the Christian life and faith, in addition to news from the various churches. The paper is issued monthly and is sent to a subscription list including 500 names distributed as follows: in our mission, 429; exchange, 5; to missionaries in America, 8; government officers, 4; outside our mission area, 53.

Tracts and Bible Colportage

Our Mission Book Depot and our colporteurs have sold 26,730 books, tracts, Bibles and portions of the Bible. The Chandrapur station took first place in the sale of Christian books with a total of 18,637, followed by Raipur with 3,431 and Khariar with 1,563. One of the Raipur colporteurs was again paid by the Scottish Bible Society. All Christian workers are encouraged to sell Christian books and most of the books were sold by them. The large melas of the Hindus were regularly visited by evangelists and they offered excellent opportunities for the selling of Christian books.

Institutes and Conventions

Institutes were again held during the past year for the deepening of the spiritual life of the evangelists and other Christian workers. Such an institute was held in Raipur in the fall of the year for a period of four days. An outside speaker was secured in the person of Dr. McGavran, and he with our own missionaries and ordained ministers had charge of the program. The speakers emphasized and brought to the attention of the workers the significance of the present day as a missionary opportunity, and from all reports, the workers went back to their fields with new courage and many new ideas. On February 12, 1937, at the invitation of the Evangelical Women's Union of the homeland, the women's societies of India observed the World Day of Prayer.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Research and Experimentation

In view of the inadequacy of both the curriculum and the teaching methods which prevail in the schools of India in general, our missionaries have sought to contribute their share in improving both of them. With a grant of Rs. 600 received from the Board of Foreign Missions, the following research and experimental work was undertaken and the following amounts spent in the undertaking: For completion of the investigations on the teaching of arithmetic by Menzel—Rs. 100 (2) For investigations of the ability of Christians to read the Hindu and Chhat-

tisgarhi Bibles in the present versions and for the development of a scale of measurement of general reading ability—Rs. 100; (3) For a word count of the most familiar Chhattisgarhi words—Rs. 50; (4) For blocks needed in the adaptation of the General Intelligence Test for Africans to Indian conditions—Rs. 100; (5) For the promotion of Chhattisgarhi literature—Rs. 100.

That these investigations are proving of practical value is seen in the following reference in the report of our Educational Committee: "The investigation on the ability of Christians to read the Bible has called forth action on the part of the head of the British and Foreign Bible Society in India. In the 'National Christian Council Review' he quotes the results of our investigation and elicits further suggestions on the simplification of scripture versions. The North India Christian Tract and Book Society has appointed a committee to report on the feasibility of the suggestions made in our investigations regarding the printing of a shorter simplified devotional Bible for use by those whose reading ability is so limited as to make intelligent use of the longer and more difficult version difficult."

A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE YEAR'S EDUCATIONAL WORK

St. Paul's High School

The superintendent, the Rev. Theo. C. Seybold, reports: "The past year saw the completion of our building program and I cannot but pause to express again our deep gratitude to God and the many friends at home for these two fine units. On December 10, 1936, we had a brief dedicatory service at the school and occupied 'Lohr Hall,' while the science building was completed a month later."

The enrollment in the high school department has risen from last year's figure of 145 to 175. The superintendent, in commenting on this figure writes: "We have now definitely reached our limit and propose from now on rather to decrease the number of sections in the middle departments of the school if the pressure in the high department continues. I am also happy to say that the number of Christians in the school increased from 69 to 78 which with the nine additions of last year makes an increase of 19 over 1935."

The Middle Schools

Middle schools are maintained at Raipur where St. Paul's School serves boys and Salem's Church School serves girls only. The Middle Schools at Mahasamund and Bhatapara are integrated in their work with St. Paul's High School at Raipur, and periodic tests are carried on by high school professors to insure uniformity in teaching methods and in educational progress.

From the standpoint of enrollment and attendance, the four middle schools of the Mission are in a healthy condition. St. Paul's Middle School at Raipur has an enrollment of 349 boys of which number 59 are Christian. Salem Girls' Middle School has an enrollment of 187 of whom 75 are Christian girls. The Mahasamund school has an enrollment of 129 of whom 19 boys are Christian and the Bhatapara School has an enrollment of 125 of whom 24 boys and two girls are Christian.

Primary Schools

Of primary schools there are 43 with a total enrollment of 3,455 pupils of whom 516 are Christian (276 boys and 240 girls.)

The educational work being maintained offers the Church a great evangelistic opportunity. Among the groups represented among the pupils of our schools are: Christians, 728; Hindus, 2,632; Mohammedans, 133; Animists, 280; Parsees, 4; others, 649; making a total of

4,426. All of these pupils without exception come under the influence of the Gospel regularly during the entire period of their school attendance, participating in regular Bible study several times a week. In this manner their lives are being permeated with Christian influence backed by definite Christian instruction and knowledge.

Theological Seminary

The staff of the Theological Seminary as in the previous year consisted of the Rev. J. Gass, D.D., Principal, the Rev. Theo. C. Seybold, and the Rev. Johan Purti.

Thirteen students appeared in the final examinations the past year, of whom three graduated. The graduates were sent to Khariar, Chandrapur and Bisrampur areas.

The new year began on July 1 and four new students were admitted, one from Bisrampur, one from Raipur, one from Baitalpur, and one from a Swedish mission operating in Central India.

Industrial Schools

As in the previous year, the Mission has maintained industrial schools for the teaching of carpentry, tailoring and masonry at Bisrampur and for the teaching of weaving in Charpali. The school at Bisrampur employed four teachers for the 43 apprentices. The total output of the school was valued at Rs. 2,832. The school at Charpali had one teacher and five apprentices and turned out Rs. 200 of woven products.

MEDICAL WORK

The Leper Hospitals

The Raipur Leper Hospital is an institution of the government of India. It is, however, a co-operative work similar to the leper hospital at Chandkuri. In the case of the Raipur Hospital, the ownership rests with the government of India or a local subdivision of the government, but a measure of support is received from the Mission to Lepers. The share of our own Church in this work is that the hospital is under the management of our missionary, the Rev. J. Gass, D.D., of Raipur.

The Leper Hospital at Chandkuri. The Rev. Theo. Essebagers served as superintendent of the Leper Hospital since March, 1937. In his report on the work of the Asylum he writes: "In general one can say that another good year has passed in which the work of healing and caring for the leper at Chandkuri has gone on. At the end of the year there were 544 adult lepers, 16 leper children, and 87 healthy children in the institution. The number of children in the healthy children's home has become reduced, due to the number who have been married during the course of the year. During the past year we have made a very definite effort, in accordance with the wishes of the Mission to Lepers, to keep the number of patients down to 550 due to limited funds at the disposal of the Mission. We have had naturally to turn scores of lepers away who sought admission. We have tried insofar as was possible to take in only the good cases, that is, those who have a fair chance of being improved or arrested."

Dr. H. Gass, the physician in charge of the medical work of the institution, assisted by Sister Minnie Gadt as head nurse, adds additional interesting statistics on the medical branch of the work among which are: Number of patients attending the clinic, 3,911; number of dressings at the clinic, 14,297; number of dressings in hospital wards, 5,992; number of prescriptions filled, 10,524; number of operations, 253; number of hydnocarpus oil injections for the treatment and cure of leprosy, 23,970; number of specimens examined, 6,335.

The Tilda Hospital

The missionary staff of the Tilda Hospital includes Dr. H. G. Freund and Sister Alma Jungermann. The staff is aided by two Indian doctors, two Indian trained nurses, and 23 other compounders, orderlies, etc.

The statistics covering the medical work of the Tilda Hospital are bewildering to the layman. From among the many statistics available, a few only are herewith quoted: Total number of new cases, 5,174; total treatments, 11,117; total operations, 627; total in-door patients, 1,134 (men 715, women 419); total deaths in the institution, 38.

Dr. Freund also writes, "The fencing around the compound, the money for which was so generously contributed by the Woman's Missionary Society of the "R" group has been completed—a long-felt need now happily realized." The Board of Foreign Missions would take this opportunity of acknowledging its deep sense of gratitude to the members of the Woman's Missionary Society for this fine project now so happily completed.

The Pendra Road Tuberculosis Sanatorium

The Mission participates in the maintenance and management of a union tuberculosis sanatorium in the healthful Pendra Road area of the Central Provinces. Dr. H. Gass is the mission representative of the Board of Managers and reports steady progress in making the sanatorium effective in caring for the cases of tuberculosis which come under its care. Recent additions to the equipment of the sanatorium include nine new cottages for which money has been received from various sources. The money for two of the cottages was received from the missionaries of the Mid-India area and from the Indian churches of the Mid-India area. The government of India recently contributed Rs. 15,000 to build two wards of 20 beds each for indigent patients. The buildings had practically been completed at the end of the year.

Additional Statistics on the India Field for 1937.

Indian Staff: Indian Ministers, 8; Evangelists, 108; Teachers—159 men and 34 women; Biblewomen, 20; Colporteurs, 10.

Educational Work: 1 High school; 5 Middle schools; 43 Primary schools; total number of pupils, 4,449; total orphans and boarders, 496.

Medical Work: Staff: American doctors, 3 (1 on furlough); American nurses, 3 (1 on furlough); Indian doctors, 5; Indian nurses, 5; Nurses in training, men 7, women 5; compounders in training, 8; other workers, men 55, women 22.

Hospitals, 3; Dispensaries, 10; New cases treated in 1937, 13,078; treatments, 96,728; Operations, 960, In-patients, 1,900; Leper hospitals, 2; Inmates at Raipur, 135; Chandkuri, 580 and 92 untainted children; Leper clinic patients, 935.

III. THE HONDURAS FIELD

General

In order to gain a clear understanding of the missionary outlook, it is helpful to review briefly the political and economic conditions which affect the welfare of the people in the area worked by our Church in the Honduras field. The president of the Honduras Missionary Conference, the Reverend H. N. Auler, briefly reviews the conditions prevailing in the north coast area at the close of 1937. Of the political situation he writes: "This can be understood from a recently issued postage stamp. The stamp carries the words 'prolongation of Presidential period until January 1, 1943.' The president was elected for the period 1933-37. In

view of the prolongation of the term a certain amount of unrest was not lacking in the country at large. A revolt of small proportions took place the early part of the year. The most disquieting feature of the year was the Nicaraguan-Honduras boundary dispute which is now in the hands of a neutral commission formed by representatives of three governments."

Rev. Auler's report on the economic condition is more disquieting. He writes: "The situation is critical. The north coast, in which our work is located, is dependent largely upon the banana business. Sigatoca and Panama disease have been destroying entire sections of banana farms. The fruit companies are fighting the newer disease (Sigatoca) by sprinkling systems and dusting by aeroplanes. The sections where Panama disease is raging are being abandoned. This causes a natural shift of population. Statistics are not available for the fruit company farms, but the national banana farms give an idea of the present economic conditions. One of the larger farms near Chamelecon, where we have a congregation, formerly had 200 laborers with a pay roll of about \$500.00 per week. Today, four men are on that pay roll. Another farm below San Pedro Sula which had a large pay roll is today abandoned, including its railroad spur used to carry fruit. A number of new industries have started; soap and candle factories using mostly cocoanut oil, a banana flour mill, and also a vegetable shortening plant, but these employ only a small number of people. With the unemployed moving from place to place seeking means of livelihood, there comes a shifting also in our groups."

OUR MISSIONARIES

SAN PEDRO SULA—Rev. and Mrs. Harold N. Auler, Miss Anna Bechtold, Miss Elise Goepfard, Miss Louise Vordenberg, Miss Louise Kurz, Miss Louise Kurtze; PINALEJO—Rev. and Mrs. Walter Herrscher; YORO—Rev. and Mrs. Fred Andres, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Gumper; ON FURLOUGH—Miss Bertha Scheidt.

THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH OF HONDURAS

There has been an encouraging increase in church consciousness in certain quarters which has led to gratifying results in a number of places. Every sign of a growth of church consciousness must be greeted with real thanksgiving and joy in view of the difficulty of building church organizations in Latin American countries. There are a number of outstanding reasons for the difficulties encountered in this field. Among them are the individualistic tendency of the Latin American who prefers to be independent and apparently shuns any entanglement which may curtail his privilege to do as he pleases. Another difficulty is the sectarian influences which have confused and bewildered many otherwise earnest people and left them wondering whether it is necessary to belong to a church to be a Christian. Perhaps in addition to these reasons there is the antipathy aroused by the only type of church organization with which the Latin American is familiar, namely, the Roman Church. Our missionaries realize the importance of persuading those who love the Lord to follow Jesus Christ into the closer fellowship of the Church and this concerted effort is gradually overcoming the natural difficulties which meet them on many sides.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Evangelistic Work

San Pedro Sula

In the San Pedro Sula district, 92 towns, villages, banana camps and hamlets were visited 224 times and 94 meetings were conducted in these places. The San Pedro district was divided and portions assigned

to the missionary staff aided by Honduran assistants. The work in San Pedro Sula and vicinity was under the general leadership of Rev. H. N. Auler, assisted by Don Martin. A very gratifying interest in the evangelistic work of the San Pedro area was taken by the members of the church, Sunday-school and members of the women's organizations. The assistance of these lay workers was particularly valuable in the street meetings held in San Pedro and the visitation of the homes of members of the congregation and other interested people.

The work in Chamelecon, a town six miles south of San Pedro Sula, was in charge of Mrs. Auler, assisted by a Honduran evangelist and lay workers from the San Pedro Sula church. Mrs. Auler writes: "The faithful members of the Chamelecon group have also taken a very active part in the evangelistic work in this field."

The work in La Lima has been supervised by Miss Elise Goepfarth, assisted by Don Mercedes, an Honduran evangelist. Miss Goepfarth writes: "La Lima is a fruit company town and immorality and vice characterize it. The close of the year finds nine catechumens under instruction, 4 candidates for the Teacher Training class, a teacher for each of the five Sunday-school classes and a Sunday-school with an average attendance of 54 with members who walk through miles of mud and plantation to be present."

The important seaport town of Puerto Cortez, lying to the north of San Pedro Sula, was in charge of Miss Louise Vordenberg, assisted by Don Jorge Jacobs and his wife. In a little rented chapel meetings are held regularly each Sunday evening and these are largely attended by people from almost every section of the town. A Sunday-school is held in the northern section of the town under rather unfavorable circumstances but with gratifying results.

Yoro

Yoro has been occupied as a missionary center since 1934. The Rev. and Mrs. Andres, and since October, 1937, the Rev. and Mrs. Gumper, have found here a very large and not unfruitful field of labor. The Department of Yoro covers an area of 2,635 square miles, with a population of 43,218. The size of the territory, the scarcity and poorness of the roads in the Department makes travel exceedingly difficult. Nevertheless, the Rev. and Mrs. Andres report having reached 50 towns and villages in their missionary journeys during the past year. On December 25, four people of Yoro itself were baptized, among them the commander of the police and the military garrison of the town. These four baptized members, together with nine previously baptized, organized an Evangelical and Reformed congregation on December 26, with thirteen charter members.

Pinalejo

The "town among the pines" is the third of our mission stations and was occupied in 1934 by the Rev. and Mrs. Walter H. Herrscher. Rev. Herrscher reports that Pinalejo has had regular services twice on Sunday and a prayer meeting during the week. Evangelistic efforts were put forth in a number of neighboring villages, and a regular preaching post was established in Correderos, about 10 miles distant. We are happy to report that the Correderos group has started the construction of its own chapel, a structure built much like their own homes.

On Reformation Day, Rev. Herrscher was able to baptize three persons after a year of instruction and probation and to celebrate the first communion service with 11 people participating. This service drew an especially large crowd which was desirous of seeing just how a communion service was conducted.

Evangelism of the Printed Word

The number of Christian books, Bibles and tracts sold during the course of the year was again considerable. Of this work Mrs. Auler writes: "This phase of our work required quite a bit of time, in that Bibles, tracts, religious books, etc., are ordered and sold through this agency. 135 Bibles, 100 Testaments and 128 religious books were sold. 19,480 tracts and pamphlets were also distributed. 480 Christmas cards and 658 Spanish birthday cards were sold. Some of the tracts and free Gospels were mailed to the 183 names on the mailing list which contains names in 66 different towns and villages contacted while on evangelistic tours. At Christmas time a Spanish scripture calendar was sent to all names on our mailing list. 35 hymnals were also sold."

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Primary and Normal Schools at San Pedro Sula

Our Mission schools in the Honduras field had another good year. The primary school in San Pedro had an enrollment of 127 and the normal school at the same place an enrollment of nine pupils. Six national teachers were employed of whom five gave their full time to the primary grades and one, together with Miss Bechtold, the principal, divided her time between the primary and normal schools. Sickness deprived the school of the services of two teachers toward the close of the year, and two girls of the second year normal class stepped in to fill their places. Thus, the normal school has already justified its existence by making available young women teachers as the need arose.

The Girls' Boarding Home at San Pedro Sula

The boarding home was in charge of Miss Louise Kurz who reports: "During the past year 23 girls passed through the Bethany Boarding Home. Four withdrew during the year, leaving an enrollment of 19 at the end of the year. These girls represent 11 different towns, villages, and camps. Only eight of the girls are of pure Honduran parentage. The rest have either mothers or fathers who are English, American, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Danish, or Mexican. All of the girls were born in Honduras."

The Primary School at Pinalejo

This school had an enrollment of 31 pupils. Its work was effectively carried on by Senorita Blanca Avendano under the supervision of Mrs. Herrschner. This school filled a real need in the community and the religious influence which went forth from it made itself felt in the entire town.

The Theological Seminary

Rev. Herrschner, the superintendent of the school, writes: "The Seminary work has been keeping me busy. I rejoice in the beginning that has been made and in the two fine young men who apply themselves very diligently to their work. I have no doubt but that we shall find in them two fine workers, deeply grounded in the principles and in the spirit of the Evangelical and Reformed Church."

MEDICAL WORK

Of the medical work in the three centers, San Pedro Sula, Yoro, and Pinalejo, the Reverend H. N. Auler reports: "The medical work in Yoro by Mrs. Andres and in Pinalejo by Mrs. Herrschner was continued during the year but on a smaller scale, due to new medical laws. The care of malarial patients, those suffering from ulcers and minor ailments gave many opportunities for service. In the San Pedro Sula dis-

trict, almost nothing in medical servise has been done since Miss Sturm left on her home furlough. To very poor families medicines have been dispensed and usually through prescriptions by local doctors. The city now has a free clinic for the needy. The greatest need is for itinerant nursing in the outlying districts where the poor suffer without the slightest knowledge of modern methods."

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS ON THE HONDURAS FIELD FOR 1937

Honduran Staff: National Teachers, 7; Evangelists and wives, 7; Evangelists in Training, 2.

Educational Work: 2 Primary schools; 1 Normal school; Total number of pupils, 205; number of boarders, 23.

The Church on the Honduras Field: Total Sunday-school enrollment, 587; Average attendance, 430; Teachers and officers, 39; Teachers Training Class, 10; Adult baptisms, 18; Child baptisms, 3; Reinstated, 7; Church membership, 143; Communicant members, 112; Catechumens, 22.

BOARD MEMBERS VISIT HONDURAS

Early in 1938, the Rev. Theo. Schmale, Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Board, carried out the long contemplated visit of the Honduras field on the part of the Board. They sailed from New Orleans on January 26 and spent the month of February with our missionaries and their Honduras co-workers in studying the needs of the field and in planning for a more intelligent and adequate program of missionary activity for the years ahead. The Board hopes and prays that the benefits of this visit undertaken by members of the Board will be visible in every field of the Board's missionary activity.

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The Board presents this report to the Church with the prayer that it may not only rejoice the Church with its record of achievement and progress, but that it may challenge the Church to renewed and greater efforts by indicating what still needs to be done. The Board trusts that the Church will heartily endorse the work being carried on at this present time and will insist on reasonable expansion all along the line in order that the Church may more adequately fulfill its responsibility toward its blessed Lord and Master and the peoples who wait for a manifestation of the love and grace of God in their individual and national life.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,
F. A. Goetsch, Executive Secretary.
Theo. R. Schmale, Chairman.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

February 1, 1936, to January 31, 1938

	Feb. 1, 1936, to Jan. 31, 1937	Feb. 1, 1937, to Jan. 31, 1938
Balance on Hand	\$ 6,622.83	\$ 6,761.71
RECEIPTS		
Budget	86,004.00	90,000.00
General designations	28,704.25	42,895.21
Special designations		1,092.99
Legacies	6,582.62	382.50
Special projects	4,943.12	5,100.03
Medical Mission Society	1,200.00	2,050.40
Board of Foreign Missions, Reformed Church		15,000.00
Interest received	2,220.52	1,825.02
Refunds	468.86	439.68
Sales of printed matter, slide rentals, etc.	1,008.29	649.44
Sale of securities	1,000.00	
Transfer of funds	650.00	
DISBURSEMENTS		
Budget: India	83,972.84	93,351.19
Honduras	18,941.96	18,306.00
Special projects	5,471.11	5,793.02
Salaries, Missionaries on furlough.....	9,173.34	9,155.64
Travel and equipment	4,264.69	7,500.00
Printed matter, books, slides, etc.....	1,799.95	1,381.32
Interest paid on annuities	1,830.00	1,815.00
Board Meeting Expense	1,481.01	1,461.69
Pension & Relief Fund	686.00	704.50
Board of Foreign Missions, Reformed Church		15,000.00
Interdenominational Work	653.00	1,000.00
Administration expense	3,393.61	3,247.54
Travel, conference meetings	130.00	
Freight and Express	98.45	
Office Expense	20.40	
Insurance, Honduras Property	111.96	123.20
Professional Services	50.00	
Promotion Expense	260.45	617.52
Menzel Memorial Fund	5.00	109.43
Miscellaneous		363.35
Balance	\$ 7,067.90	\$ 6,273.58

Paul H. Schulz, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

To the General Synod:

"And He — began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power—."

In these words of the Gospel of St. Mark, members of the Board of International Missions have found comfort, inspiration and authority. The Board of International Missions is the co-operative organization in which the two Boards of Foreign Missions of the "R" and "E" groups respectively have joined together, prayed together, planned together and worked together for the furtherance of the great world-wide Kingdom task entrusted to the Church by the Lord Himself. Truly it was of the Lord that the two should go together to carry on the great missionary commission of our blessed Lord and Saviour. In the spirit of beautiful fellowship and a common devotion to the ideals of Jesus Christ and of our Church and in earnest and consecrated planning and working together, have ties of brotherly love and esteem been fashioned which warrant the highest hopes for successful work in the tasks common to our united Church.

Organization of the Board of International Missions — The organization of this Board was based on a provision of the Plan of Union and an action of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church which provided the following:

"The work of Foreign Missions . . . shall be consolidated under the direction of the General Synod as rapidly as the laws of the State, the charters, constitutions and property rights of the Boards of the respective Churches will permit."

The Plan of Union, V. 3. Page 5.

"That these Boards shall be instructed to enter into negotiations for consolidation as rapidly as the laws of the State, their charters, their constitutions and their property rights will permit."

Minutes of General Synod, Cleveland, Ohio,
II. 2. Page 170.

"Resolved: That the membership of the Boards or Commissions of the two Churches that have united, representing the cause of Ministerial Relief, of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions, of Christian Education, of Publication, and other benevolent activities, shall be continued and shall constitute the Boards and Commissions of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church until the next meeting of the General Synod."

Minutes of General Synod, Ft. Wayne, Ind.,
Page 288.

In view of the authority thus granted the Board of International Missions, the personnel of the Board of International Missions is constituted as follows:

Rev. G. H. Gebhardt, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. T. W. Hoernemann, D.D., New Philadelphia, Ohio.
Rev. E. F. Hoffmeier, D.D., Hanover, Pa.
Rev. F. W. Knatz, Ph.D., Milwaukee, Wisc.
Elder H. C. Heckerman, Bedford, Pa.
Mrs. L. L. Anewalt, Allentown, Pa.
Rev. Theo. R. Schmale, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Rev. Th. H. Twente, N. Tonawanda, N. Y.

Rev. J. Otto Reller, Evansville, Ind.
 Rev. Aug. C. Rasche, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Mr. Paul H. Schulz, Detroit, Mich.
 Mrs. Ida Pauley, University City, Mo.

The advisory members of the Board are:

Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D., Reading, Pa.
 Elder David A. Miller, Allentown, Pa.
 Rev. E. Schmidt, Warren, Mich.
 Rev. G. Siegenthaler, Baltimore, Md.

The Board of International Missions elected the following officers:

Chairman, Rev. Theo. R. Schmale.
 Vice-Chairman, Rev. G. H. Gebhardt.
 Recording Secretary, Rev. Aug. C. Rasche, D.D.
 Treasurer, Elder H. C. Heckerman.

The Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D., and the Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D., were appointed co-Executive Secretaries of the Board of International Missions and accorded the privilege of vote.

In view of the fact that the Board of International Missions could not function during the past biennium on authority granted by the new constitution, much of its work necessarily was of a preparatory type in which the ground work was laid for the future functioning of this Board under the new constitution. Three meetings of the Board of International Missions were held: in October, 1936, in Cleveland, Ohio; October, 1937, in Cleveland, Ohio; and in May, 1938, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, respectively.

Foreign Missions Emphasis Material — As a result of the close co-operation of the two Boards of Foreign Missions through the Board of International Missions, attractive helps for pastors and congregations in the united Church were prepared for use during the Foreign Mission Emphasis period designated by the General Synod to be observed from January 6 to February 14 each year. An attractive rotogravure sheet with illustrations from the five mission fields of the Church together with a worship service to be used on Foreign Mission Sunday was issued. Other pamphlets and leaflets accompanied the rotogravure and emphasized in another form the Foreign Missionary appeal and work of the Church. Through the co-operation of the "Messenger," the "Friedensbote," the "Kirchenzeitung" and the Sunday-school periodicals of the Church, a very effective promotion of the period was made possible.

Participation of Both Boards in the Entire Foreign Missionary Task of the Church — Due also to the close co-operation of the Boards through the Board of International Missions, a plan was carried through which gave to the constituents of both sections of the Church the privilege and pleasure of co-operating in the entire foreign missionary enterprise of the Church. During each of the past two years, the Reformed Board of Foreign Missions paid over to the Evangelical Board of Foreign Missions toward its work in India and Honduras the sum of \$15,000.00 in monthly installments, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the "E" group contributed a like amount to the "R" group toward the work of the Church in Japan, China and Iraq.

On Preparation of Missionary Policy and Missionary Manual—In preparation for the intelligent and successful carrying on of the foreign missionary enterprise as a common task of the entire Church, preparations were made for the issuance of a statement on the foreign missionary policy of the Board and the Church and the preparation of a manual through which the relations of the Board and its missionary agents in the five fields of the Church are regulated. Satisfactory progress has been made in the preparation of these two documents, so that the Board

feels that but a brief period of time will be required to have them in readiness for submission to the Church and place in effect their provisions in the work of the Board.

Report on Hymnal and Book of Worship — The Board of International Missions believed that the issuance of a new hymnal and book of worship for the united Church presented a valuable opportunity for suggesting the inclusion of valuable missionary hymns and responsive readings not included in the older hymnals and books of worship of the two uniting churches. An offer to co-operate in the preparation of the missionary section of the hymnal and book of worship was made to the committee entrusted with their preparation and cordially accepted. The Executive Secretaries of the Board thereupon furnished to that committee their suggestions of missionary materials for inclusion in both books.

The Africa Challenge — The Board of International Missions was definitely challenged to consider seriously the acceptance of missionary responsibilities in the Africa field through the appeal made by Dr. Erich Voehringer, a missionary on furlough of the North German Mission Society popularly known as the Bremen Mission. The Africa Committee of the Board carefully considered the seriousness of the missionary situation in the field brought to its attention by Dr. Voehringer and by the authorities of the North German Mission and weighed carefully the possible involvements which the acceptance of the challenge might mean to the Church, but it also carefully considered how great would be the responsibility of the Church if the challenge coming from the Africa field were not seriously and prayerfully considered and laid before the Church. After due consideration of the recommendation of the Africa Committee, the Board of International Missions adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The North German (Bremen) Mission, organized over 100 years ago, finds its important work in the Togo area of West Africa seriously jeopardized, due to difficulties in exchange, and has recently appealed to our Board of International Missions to come to its assistance in this area;

WHEREAS: This area is a most strategic one, established at great sacrifice of missionary lives and labors, (in 1847), and represents one of the most gratifying developments of native churches and schools in modern missionary records, and serves as an effective buffer for Protestant Missions, between Mohammedan influence from the North and the spread of the Roman Catholic Missions from the Coast;

AND WHEREAS: A growing conviction has expressed itself within our denomination that our united Evangelical and Reformed Church has a definite obligation to the cause of Christ and His Kingdom in Africa, and already many of our members contribute to other Missions in Africa, both of established churches and the so-called "Faith Missions";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of International Missions overture the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, at its meeting in June, 1938, in Columbus, Ohio, to authorize the Board to accept this challenge of the North German Mission and of Christ's cause among the Ewe people of British West Africa, to take over the work at Akpafu, formerly supported by the North German Mission, or such alternate field in West Africa, as the Board of International Missions, after further investigation, may determine upon; and to assume the support of Dr. Erich Voehringer, missionary supervisor of the area and a splendidly trained American educator, as our missionary and representative.

Missionary Periodicals — The Board of International Missions definitely concerned itself with the alternative of continuing the present mis-

sionary periodicals issued by the present two Boards of Foreign Missions representing the Church, or of requesting a missionary edition of the "Messenger" once a month for an adequate portrayal of the missionary enterprise. After considering the report of its committee which had investigated the problem, the Board expressed the opinion that if the proper arrangements could be made, it is probable that the best solution of the problem would be the publication of a monthly missionary issue of the "Messenger," however, on account of the fact that the editors and Board of Publication in charge of the "Messenger" are unable at the present time to make any definite commitments in the matter, and because of the likelihood that the Board of International Missions would be asked to subsidize the publication of a monthly missionary issue of the "Messenger," and because of the prospective loss of goodwill and financial support represented in the subscription lists of present missionary publications without compensating gains, and because of the problematical value of such an issue of the "Messenger" to the missionary leaders and workers of the Church, the Board of International Missions is prepared to issue a monthly missionary magazine at as reasonable a price as possible and a quarterly popular leaflet representing the individual missionary fields of the Church for distribution on a group subscription plan.

Who's Who in International Missions — The Board considered one of its most urgent tasks to be the preparation and issuance of a booklet which would introduce to the constituency of the united Church the men and women who are serving in the foreign fields of the Church. After great difficulty due to war conditions and the absence of qualified photographers in certain parts of Central India and Central China, photographs have been assembled and biographical material gathered to enable this valuable missionary booklet to be issued. The booklet has now been completed and is offered to the constituency of the Church for the price of twenty-five cents. It can be secured from the offices of the Board of International Missions at 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and 1720 Chouteau Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri.

A List of Available Missionary Literature — The Board of International Missions has in preparation a unified list of the literature available in the two offices of the Board in Saint Louis and Philadelphia. A list of missionary motion pictures has already been completed and is being distributed among the congregations of the Church.

Missionary Education — The Board of International Missions is prepared to take over responsibility for the furtherance of missionary education in the Church now supplied through the co-operative efforts of the two Boards of Foreign Missions with the two Boards for Home Missions, the Board of Christian Education and the women's and men's organizations of the Church. In the person of Reverend D. D. Baker, a zealous and capable director of missionary education has been secured who has already made a real contribution in this field since his appointment in June, 1937. The director of missionary education has been charged with the responsibility of supplying writers of Sunday-school lesson periodicals with missionary information, so that these may be woven into the lesson materials as opportunity offers. In addition, the director has been charged with the duty of preparing various types of helpful missionary study materials for use of individuals, societies, Bible Schools, and special Church Schools of Missions.

The Financial Set-up of the New Board — The budgets of the two Boards of Foreign Missions have been submitted to the Executive Committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and will be presented to the Church through the agency of that committee. The Board finds

no real difficulty in preparing a unified budget representing the needs of the various branches of the Church nor of agreeing upon a proportionate allotment of the funds received by the treasurer of the Board after the financial structure of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall have been unified. Ways and means have also been considered for the liquidation of debts and deficits of the present two Boards of Foreign Missions and the Board is therefore prepared to function when the constitution of the united Church shall be put in operation.

An Exhibit for the General Synod — Members of the General Synod will have an opportunity of studying the work of the Board of International Missions and its two constituent Boards of Foreign Missions in the exhibit prepared by the General Synod. Motion pictures of the various fields in which the Church is at work in foreign lands will be shown at regular intervals. Literature has been made available for those who desire a closer acquaintance with the progress and problems of the work of international missions.

The Madras Conference and Post-Madras Meetings in America. — The two Boards of Foreign Missions are participating actively in the preparations for the world missionary conference to be held in Madras, India. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America has honored the Church by electing one of its representatives, Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D., as one of the forty-five American and Canadian delegates who will participate in this great missionary meeting which will be held December 13-30, 1938.

The Board of International Missions plans to participate actively in the preparation for and the carrying on of the post-Madras meetings planned for approximately forty American and Canadian cities shortly after the close of the Madras Conference. The Board feels confident that the efforts to acquaint the constituency of the American and Canadian Churches with the importance of the problems considered by the Madras Conference will greatly aid in bringing about their successful solution.

A New Board of International Missions — In view of the splendid cooperation one with the other of the present membership of the Board of International Missions and the grasp and understanding of the work and problems of the missionary enterprise which these members possess, it would seem highly desirable that a large proportion of the present membership of the Board should be elected by the General Synod to the membership of the new Board of International Missions in order that from the very beginning this Board may function with understanding and knowledge and may help bridge over the period of adjustment and co-ordination which a closer merger of the work as contemplated will make necessary.

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The Board of International Missions stands ready to go forth at the request of the Church in full trust in its divine Leader, Jesus Christ, and His abiding presence and help. The Board faces no insuperable difficulties in adjusting its own affairs to the requirements of the new duties which will devolve upon it. It is confident that a great and glorious future is before it and the Church in the field of international missions. May the Church in renewed consecration adequately support the Board with its substance and with the earnest prayer which avails much.

Respectfully submitted,

Theo. R. Schmale, Chairman,
A. V. Casselman, Executive Secretary,
F. A. Goetsch, Executive Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions has reviewed three reports: The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions (Evangelical), The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions (Reformed), and The Report of the Board of International Missions.

The latter report represents plans for the consolidation of the work of the two Foreign Boards and presents a review of work already undertaken by the newly constituted Board of International Missions. Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D., and Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D., have been appointed Co-Executive Secretaries of the Board of International Missions. The allocation of funds from a united budget has been worked out. Ways and means have been considered for the liquidation of debts and deficits of the present two boards of Foreign Missions. The new Board of International Missions is prepared to function when the Constitution of the united church shall go into effect.

In view of the fact that the present membership of this Board has advanced the consolidating of the work thus far in a happy spirit of mutual understanding and with a splendid grasp of the problems of the missionary enterprise, it seems desirable that the present membership be retained so that the work of consolidation may be completed in the same spirit of fellowship with which it was begun.

Your Committee calls attention to a resolution of the Board of International Missions overturing the General Synod to authorize the establishment of mission work in Africa. The challenge has come to the Board to take over the work at Akpafu among the Ewe people of British West Africa with Dr. Erich Voehringer as missionary. This work was formerly supplied by the North German Mission. The Committee understands that a substantial portion of the support for the work has already been promised.

One reads with awe and amazement in the review of the two Boards of the heroic and sacrificial work of our missionaries in Japan, China, India, Honduras and Mesopotamia. In each of these fields the missionaries are faced with peculiar and difficult situations which severely test their faith and loyalty. Out of the turmoil and confusion of intense economic, racial, national and international strife, a new day shall surely dawn. The church through its missionaries has a great responsibility and a great opportunity in these disturbed areas.

Our missionaries now, more than ever, must plant the seed of love in all lands. Only out of seed sown in love can salvation and lasting peace come. Christ must be there in China, in Japan, and other lands for the day when healing takes place. Who else can be the ultimate peacemaker in the Orient and other parts of the world except the Prince of Peace.

At a time like this our missionary forces should stand, not depleted in numbers, but with the fullest strength that the church is able to give. The Committee calls the attention of the General Synod to the pleas of the two Boards for the reinforcement of the missionary personnel, especially in China and Honduras.

The Committee presents the following recommendations:

1) That in view of the critical and momentous situation existing in many of our mission fields the General Synod call on the church and all her congregations to engage in seasons of prayer for our missionaries.

2) That the General Synod set aside, in the program of the church the Epiphany season, January 6 until the second Sunday of February, for the purpose of bringing the work and support of Foreign Missions before our congregations.

3) That the General Synod authorize the Board of International

Missions to establish mission work in Africa in accordance with the resolutions occurring in their report.

4) That the General Synod authorize the Boards of Foreign Missions to complete and extend where necessary, the personnel in the fields of China, Japan and Honduras whenever the budgets of the Boards permit such steps.

5) That the General Synod note with appreciation and thanksgiving the Centennial celebration of the founding of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, October 5, 1838.

6) That the General Synod note the meeting of the International Missionary Council to be held at Madras, India, December 13-30, 1938, and extend its blessing upon the representative of the united church, Dr. F. A. Goetsch, who for eighteen years was a missionary in India.

7) That the General Synod commend the Evangelical Society for Medical Missions for the interest which they have created and the unstinted loyalty which they have shown in encouraging the work of medical missions.

8) That the General Synod note with appreciation the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church on June 2, 1938, and express its gratitude for the loyal work of this group and also for the loyal support of the Foreign Mission work by the Evangelical Women's Union.

9) That we commend the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church for the heroic, aggressive and sacrificial efforts which have enabled the Board to maintain all its work during the past two difficult years and at the same time reduce the indebtedness to a figure where it is no longer a burden.

"We recommend that the Reformed constituency give all possible support to the effort of the Board of Foreign Missions to cancel the remaining indebtedness of the Board during this Centennial year."

10) That the General Synod express its appreciation of the receipt of the bequest of \$29,700.00 from the estate of Miss Rebecca Roney of Dayton, Ohio, and other gifts to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church and to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Synod and ask pastors to challenge their membership to remember the work of Foreign Missions in bequests and by annuities.

11) That the General Synod commends the cooperating Boards on the establishment of the Department of Missionary Education and prays that its director may have much success in creating and fostering the missionary spirit of the United Church.

12) That the General Synod extend to Dr. A. V. Casselman our hopes for a speedy recovery from his illness and assure him of our earnest prayers in his behalf.

13) That the General Synod maintain the personnel of the "E" and "R" Boards of Foreign Missions and the personnel of the Board of International Missions as at present constituted until the Constitution goes into effect and their successors shall have been elected.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward O. Butkofsky
F. W. Schroeder
Simon Sipple
A. E. Limper
Thomas W. Rhoads
J. D. Frank
Geo. Schlesinger
Edward Yost
Floyd Roschon

Adopted as a whole Monday afternoon.

On Saturday morning the foregoing report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented through its Chairman, Rev. Edward O. Butkofsky. Pending action on a motion to adopt it as a whole, the General Synod was addressed by the following brethren, Drs. Jacob G. Rupp, T. H. Mueller, F. A. Goetsch and C. H. Zaugg. Dr. Charles E. Creitz read the following letter from Secretary A. V. Casselman, D.D.:

MY DEAR BRETHREN:

The keenest, bitterest, deepest disappointment of my life is the fact that on the urgent advice of my physician I am not permitted to make the Centennial missionary address scheduled originally for the program tonight.

I had planned to conclude my address with a quotation from the words of Jesus and a stanza of a poem. I had thought of them as significantly applicable to the missionary enterprise of the Christian Church in the world today; but I have found out in these recent weeks that they have also a very definite personal application. I give them to you as my message tonight. Here they are:

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

"On the far reef the billows recoil in shattered foam,
But still the sea behind them urges its forces on;
Its shout of triumph surges through all the thunderous din:
The wave may be defeated, but the tide is sure to win."

May God bless you all.

Faithfully yours,

A. V. Casselman, Secretary

The General Synod voted to send a letter of greeting and good wishes to Dr. Casselman through the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Carl Haass. The report was temporarily tabled. It was further considered on Monday afternoon when Rev. Theo. Schmale, Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions (Evangelical) addressed the General Synod and made a motion to include "Japan" in Recommendation No. 4. The report was then finally adopted as a whole.

6. Christian Education and Publication

REPORT OF

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THE BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE EVANGELICAL LEAGUE BOARD

To the General Synod:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God and a realization of our unworthiness and our many shortcomings and limitations that we here-with attempt to recount the developments since last General Synod in our co-operative work of Christian Education conceived in terms of service to our new merged Christian fellowship. If any one word can characterize the spirit that has prevailed on the part of all who have shared the work during this period, that word is "together"—Together

we faced the task; together we studied the problem; together we charted the way; together we traveled the course—together with one another, and ever together, we trust, with God.

These two years have been a great experience—great because of this togetherness but even greater because somehow the resultant developments seem to have proved beyond the shadow of a doubt the great practicability and the high desirability of “E” and “R” oneness. Your three Boards, which bring this joint report, have taken the merger agreement and General Synod’s instructions seriously and have quietly but conclusively proved that neither theological position, tradition, personnel, nor even finances are actual barriers to such a merger as ours if the will to serve God and to extend His Kingdom is dominant and pure. Such a union means not a compromise of Christian conviction but a reinforcement of basic belief and a new horizon of opportunity to stake new claims for Christ.

Christian education on such a new base, also stands on the threshold of a new day. And if it is to measure up, it must keep ever before itself a conception of its task not in terms of traditional, superficial or secular teaching but rather in terms of digging deeply and cultivating and nourishing the very roots of God-centered living. It must set for its task not the release or dissemination of pietistic writings and subject matter but rather the earnest God-guided effort to effect changes in persons, in their understandings, in their attitudes, and in their relationships to God and to society, so that those who call themselves Christians may not merely profess to be Christ’s followers, as so many today seemingly do, but will increasingly possess that kind of Christian tolerance and love which He possessed, and will reflect it, in a measure at least, as He reflected it in all life’s relationships and motives.

Christian education, if it is to measure up, must help so to build Christian personality and a Christian life philosophy that today’s kind of paradoxical living will no longer obtain. Through the Spirit of Christ human nature must be “transformed by love from selfishness and individualism to organization and co-operation.” Then and then only can the dream of a new world be realized—a world in which God is central rather than man.

But if Christian education is to set for itself such an objective and is to share in such a task, then it becomes clearly evident that we must think no longer of the Sunday School as the sole channel for or the single agency of Christian education. Nor dare we think longer of the Church’s educational program as apart from or as parallel to the Church’s real mission. We must rather recognize anew the need for a more comprehensive program of Christian teaching such as has never before been conceived—a program so integrated into the total program of the Church that it actually becomes a part of the warp and woof of Christianity’s mission.

This kind of an ultimate goal seems logically to point to the following two intermediate objectives:

1. A restudy of agencies and channels for Christian Education to the end that new ways and means for expansion may be discovered which will result in increased effectiveness.
2. A progressive cultivation and improvement of the existing agencies and channels for Christian education so that the transition may be less drastic and the years of experimentation less costly.

These general principles of procedure and General Synod's instructions have been our guide-posts during this transition period. We sincerely trust that we have laid a solid foundation.

Since the resolutions adopted by General Synod at Fort Wayne constitute a series of definite instructions to these three co-operating Boards, it may be interesting to briefly report the developments of the work on the basis of these specific resolutions.

1. *Unification of the Work*

(Resolution No. 4, page 230, Acts and Proceedings of the Second Meeting of General Synod, Fort Wayne, Indiana)

"Resolved, on the basis of the overtures to the General Synod on the part of the "R" Board of Christian Education concurred in by the "E" Board of Religious Education, that the General Synod authorize the unification of the work of the two boards, even in advance of the adoption of the proposed new Constitution of the Church, without disturbing the present legal status of these respective agencies. By 'unifying the work' we mean the re-allocation of the staff responsibilities, and the addition of such joint work as the respective incomes of these boards, when jointly pooled, will make possible."

In the fall of 1936, pursuant to this instruction, the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Religious Education and the Evangelical League Board began to unify their work and began to function through a united staff. Believing it to be more judicious to continue offices both in Philadelphia and St. Louis, yet realizing the importance of an arrangement that would insure complete unification, they happily solved the problem by concentrating the executive offices in Philadelphia and the editorial offices in St. Louis.

The Boards set up a joint Executive Committee to meet bi-monthly—alternately in St. Louis and Philadelphia, and charged this committee with the responsibility of supervising the joint educational work. The business and real estate responsibilities of the Board of Christian Education continued to be supervised by the Executive Committee of that Board, meeting monthly in Philadelphia, according to former custom.

The personnel of the United Educational Staff chosen by the joint Boards follows:

Mr. A. R. Keppel	— Executive Secretary
Rev. F. D. Wentzel	— Director of Youth Work
Rev. T. C. Braun	— Director of Leadership Training
Dr. C. A. Hauser	— Director of Field Work, and Editor Heidelberg Departmental Lessons
Rev. F. E. McQueen	— Editor Church School Publications
Rev. E. A. G. Hermann	— Associate Editor Church School Publications
Miss Marie Rose Rimmel	— Associate Editor Church School Publications
Miss Rose Marie Kniker	— Associate Editor Church School Publications
Dr. E. G. Krampe	— Field Worker, Synod of the Northwest

The responsibility for the publication of the merged "Messenger" had been determined previous to the Fort Wayne meeting of General Synod. Under the arrangement agreed upon and which arrangement still obtains, this responsibility, both editorial and financial, is jointly

borne by the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Publications. The Editor-in-Chief is the Reverend Dr. Paul S. Leinbach, and the Associate Editor, the Reverend Dr. Julius H. Horstmann.

By January 1, 1937, the unification of the educational work of the three Boards had advanced sufficiently to make possible a single program and a pooled budget.

2. *The First National Conference on Christian Education*

(Resolution No. 7, page 231—Acts and Proceedings)

"Resolved, that the General Synod indorse and warmly approve the proposed National Conference on Christian Education, planned by the joint boards, to be held in June, 1937, as an effective means of solidifying our forces and focusing attention on the importance of the educational task of the united Church."

At Lakeside, Ohio, on June 28 to July 3, 1937, the Boards of Christian Education and the Evangelical League sponsored the First National Conference on Christian Education of the new Church. The great response, both in attendance and enthusiasm, on the part of Young People, Church School Workers and Ministers more than justified all the effort that went into conference planning which in turn brought together at Lakeside such an outstanding group of the country's foremost Christian educators. Volumes could be written on the effect which this Conference had and will have upon the merger of "mind and heart" as well as upon the Church's future program and progress of Christian Education, but the twelve hundred and more folk who attended will bear more active testimony than any which could be here recorded.

3. *New United Church School Publications*

(Resolution No. 8, page 231—Acts and Proceedings)

"Resolved, that the General Synod instruct the Boards to work in direction of supplanting the present religious educational publications of the "E" and "R" groups with new, united publications."

We are delighted to report that now the task of merging our Church School publications — of publishing one series instead of two — is actually under way. Through the co-operation of the various publication interests, the obstacles which had been blocking progress, have actually been surmounted. This forward step was largely made possible through the willingness of the Board of Publications to permit the Board of Religious Education and the Evangelical League Board to assume, as of January 1, 1938, certain publication prerogatives which would not have automatically become theirs until after the new Constitution had been declared in force. Under the present agreement the Boards of Christian Education have promised to Eden Publishing House and to Central Publishing House, at least the same value and volume of church school publication business as has formerly been enjoyed by them under the old arrangement. Present indications, based upon the growing circulation of the new periodicals, would seem to guarantee to these publishing houses, not only the same value and volume of business, but a decided increase.

The eleven new publications appearing in 1938, which have supplanted nineteen former periodicals, and which have been cordially received by church school leaders and pupils throughout the country, are as follows:

(Age Group Magazines)

- YOUTH — A Weekly Magazine for Young People—16 pages—Two color cover
- VENTURE — A Weekly Magazine for Intermediate Boys and Girls—8 pages
- TREASURE — A Weekly Magazine for Junior Boys and Girls—8 pages
- FRIENDS — A Weekly Magazine for Beginner and Primary Boys and Girls—4 pages

(Leaders' Journal)

- THE BUILDER — A Monthly Magazine for Leaders, including Uniform Lesson Teachers' Guide—40 pages

(Uniform Lesson Materials)

- THE ADULT IN CHURCH & HOME — Uniform Lesson Guide for Adults
- SENIOR-YOUNG PEOPLE UNIFORM LESSON GUIDE
- INTERMEDIATE UNIFORM LESSON GUIDE
- JUNIOR UNIFORM LESSON GUIDE
- THE LESSON LEAF — An abridged Uniform Lesson treatment
- THE WORSHIP SERVICE — A quarterly Worship Leaflet for the Church School

The Boards responsible for these new publications present them to our constituency with pride because they believe that these new periodicals will make outstanding contributions in their various fields. Congratulations from other denominations as well as hundreds of congratulatory messages from our own people have been appreciatively received. Yet withal, the Boards are very conscious of the fact that these new publications are not perfect nor ideal products, but are still in the making. Their consistent improvement will depend largely upon a continuation of the fine constructive criticism that has been so generously offered. For this co-operation the Boards are indeed grateful.

The next step in the merger of Church School publications is the issuance of a single and complete series of departmental graded lessons. The Boards have already addressed themselves to this problem and the new series will be published at as early a date as is consistent with careful planning and preparation.

Another publication project which the co-operating Boards consider of primary importance is the matter of a new Church School Hymnal for our new enlarged fellowship. It will be recalled that in our statement to General Synod two years ago progress on this joint undertaking was reported. In the meantime, however, a situation has developed which materially contributes to the urgency of the project. The stock of the Reformed Church School Hymnal has been entirely exhausted and the Board deems another edition of the old book inadvisable. Because of this fact and also because of the contribution which the early appearance of a new book would make to the progress of merger as well as to Christian worship in our Church Schools, the Boards spared no effort in pushing to completion the preparation of this new volume. Believing that this new hymnal will preserve "E" and "R" traditions, both in hymns as well as in worship, and will at the same time make available to our Church Schools a veritable storehouse of new and fresh materials, your Boards are proposing a book that will contain approximately 210 hymns and a worship section. In good cloth binding it will sell for fifty cents singly and for thirty-five to forty cents in quantity. Encouragement from General Synod to publish this volume promptly would be sincerely appreciated.

4. *A Director of Youth Work for the Merged Church*

(Resolution No. 9, page 231—Acts & Proceedings)

"Resolved, that the General Synod encourage the boards to include in their united staff a director of youth work for the merged church."

With the establishment of the United Staff, previously reported, a director of Youth Work for the merged Church was named in the person of the Reverend Mr. Fred D. Wentzel. Mr. Wentzel has already made his leadership felt throughout our Church and has laid a broad and solid base for Young People's Work in our new Christian fellowship.

A cornerstone of this foundation is the recently established Youth Cabinet. In the Youth Congress at Lakeside representatives to this Cabinet were named, but since that time the Cabinet has been fully organized, has had its first meeting and with the Director of Youth Work, is earnestly at the task of interpreting and of planning for Youth's share and Youth's responsibility in our new Church. With such a democratic approach and with such earnestness the future is indeed bright.

5. *Trained Field Workers*

(Resolution No. 6—page 231—Acts & Proceedings)

"Resolved, that we approve the recommendation of the Boards to increase their staff by the addition of trained field workers, when funds become available for this purpose."

Unfortunately, during these past two years funds did not permit the Boards to meet this very necessary need.

Field Work is an indispensable link between general program and local church school practice. Although Field contacts on the part of Staff and Board members have again shown an increase during this two-year period, yet the maximum amount of time which they can and do give is inadequate when compared to the twenty-five hundred churches that should have available to them such service. We trust that General Synod will at this session reaffirm the recommendation and attempt to make available sufficient funds so that these needs may be at least partially met.

6. *Survey and Study of Work Among College Students*

(Resolution No. 11, page 231—Acts & Proceedings)

"Resolved, that the General Synod recommend to the Board of Christian Education and Board of Religious Education a survey and study of work among college students with a view to establishing this work firmly among student groups of the united Church."

The Boards are pleased to report progress in the matter of this study. Investigations have gone forward through both personal visitation and correspondence. The Boards respectfully request General Synod to take no action at this session which will in any degree tend to determine student work policy in advance of the completion of this study.

As a means of actually contacting Evangelical and Reformed students in our various educational institutions throughout the country, a publication called "The Student" has been regularly edited and published by our Youth Department. Beginning with one of the June numbers of "Youth," "The Student" will be absorbed by that new periodical and student news will be included bi-monthly in this new weekly Young People's magazine. Such "Youth" issues which contain student news

will be mailed gratis to "E" and "R" students in our various colleges and universities.

7. *Catechetical Manual for the Merged Church*

(Resolution No. 1, page 230—Acts & Proceedings)

"Resolved that, with regard to the overture of Pittsburgh Synod (White Book, page 19) this committee recommends that the matter of the publication of a Catechetical Manual for the merged Church be referred to the Board of Christian Education of the "R" group and the Board of Religious Education of the "E" group for further study."

In pursuance of this instruction, a Joint Committee on Catechetical Manual has been at work. As an initial step toward such a manual for the merged Church, this committee believed it advisable to continue to work for a time at least with the two present manuals, revising and improving them as experience with them would seem to prompt. In consequence of this policy, a revision of "Walking and Working with Christ" was made and released in the summer of 1937.

As further evidence of the Boards' earnest desire to serve ministers and to help them to make the most of this singular and rich heritage of our Church, a Bulletin on Confirmation Instruction was released in the fall of 1937 and the release of a second such bulletin is contemplated in the fall of 1938.

8. *An Organization for Boys*

(Resolution No. 3, page 230—Acts & Proceedings)

"Resolved that, with regard to the overture of Milwaukee Classis that General Synod take action leading to the inauguration of an organization for the boys of the Church which will be in harmony with the life and polity of our Evangelical and Reformed Church and hold the boys for the Church, the committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Boards of Christian Education for study and recommendation."

This study has been undertaken but is not yet sufficiently far enough along to warrant venturing any mature conclusions or recommendations. It may be of interest here to report that two members of the Boards' Staff are members of the National Protestant Committee on Scouting, which has undertaken the preparation of a Guidance Manual for the successful operation of Scout troops in Protestant Churches. This manual will likely be released in the fall of 1938.

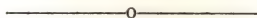
9. *Apportionment and Budget Monies*

(Resolution No. 5, page 230—Acts & Proceedings)

"Resolved, that the General Synod apportion and make available at least the same amounts for each of these Boards for the next biennium as are at present being appropriated through the regular budget of the General Synod, or of the constituent bodies, and that in view of the strategic importance of the work of education the apportionment be increased, if possible."

The co-operating Boards are indeed grateful for the support—moral and financial—that has so generously been accorded the work of Christian Education during the past biennium. They wish to express their sincere appreciation to Synods, Districts, Classes, Regions, Congregations, Ministers and in fact to all the many friends of the work. They regret, however, that in 1937 the budget allotment from "E" funds was

reduced by \$1780 under the 1936 apportionment. They are appreciative of the partial restoration of this reduction for the year 1938, but are still seriously handicapped by the \$2960 reduction for this biennium over the previous biennium. They earnestly trust that the spirit which prompted the adoption of the above resolution at Fort Wayne may again obtain here at this session and that subsequent conditions may make its effectiveness more successful.



In addition to the educational work that was done in accordance with specific instructions, we wish also to report on other ongoing projects and services that constitute a part and parcel of the Boards' regular program.

Twenty-seven Special Pieces of Literature have been published and released.

Among the various special tracts, pamphlet materials and periodical releases published and distributed in 1937 through the Boards' central office are the following:

- "Christ in the Life of the World" (A tract on the interdenominational emphasis for 1937-38)
- "Thy Kingdom Come" (Young People's guidance pamphlet)
- "A New Church for a New World" (Young People's Day Service)
- "The Student" (A periodic news sheet for college students)
- "News for Leaders of Youth" (A guidance leaflet, periodically released)
- "Across Border Lines" (A Confirmation Reunion Service)
- "Children's Division Guide" (A guidance pamphlet, periodically released)
- "There Go the Ships" (A program and pageant for Children's Day)
- "Talks of God for Boys and Girls" (A Lenten Devotional Guide)
- "Adults in the Church School" (An outline of available adult educational study units)
- "Your Vacation School in 1938"

Service Pamphlets:

- "Is My Sunday-school a Part of the Church?"
- "Under One Roof"
- "Church, School & Home Building a New World"
- "Roads to a Better Vacation School"
- "The Children in the Congregation"
- "Candy and the Kingdom"
- "Let Youth Unite Their Energies"
- "Am I Christian Toward All Races"
- "Time on Our Hands"
- "My Brother's Brother"
- "Lakeside—and After"
- "Patriotism" (An elective study unit)
- "Christmas Programs, Pageants & Plays"
- "Lenten and Easter Program Suggestions"
- "Growth in Christian Service" (A guide to personal religious living)

The 1937 and 1938 Church School Calendars

(Limited quantities of each of the above are still available)

Summer Schools and Camps become a Unified Project

Summer Schools and Camps were for the first time last season (1937) conducted as a unified project, with a maximum interchange of students and staff members. No longer are there two summer pro-

grams; no longer are there two competitive loyalties, but one undertaking, one leadership and one common goal. The 1937 summer season proved very successful, both from the standpoint of attendance as well as from the point of view of high quality leadership and program.

Plans for 1938 involve 23 different sessions of summer schools and camps for which the National Office is responsible. These sessions will be held in 14 different locations throughout the country.

The Department of Leadership Training is happy to announce the establishment of a new leadership training school at Fulton, Missouri. This school is intended to serve principally folk in the Missouri, West Missouri and South Illinois Districts and corresponding Classes. It is being established in response to the many requests that have come from these areas.

Two of last year's schools are being merged and will meet at a new location. The Green Lake Leadership Training School, located at Green Lake, Wisconsin, will carry on the traditions of the Leadership Training School which formerly met in connection with the Mission House Conference as well as the traditions of Elmhurst Leadership Training School.

The Boards' Special Service Departments Show Substantial Increases

The Boards' special service departments, such as its Service Library, its Bureau of Visual Aids and its Personal Guidance Service show substantial increases in number of churches and individuals served during this biennium. It may be interesting to know that in its Personal Guidance Service the aggregate number of personally dictated letters which have gone out from our Educational Department during the past year exceeds 10,000.

Co-operation with other Boards of the Church

Pursuant to the instructions of the proposed new Constitution which sets as one of the responsibilities of the Board of Christian Education and Publication "co-operation with other Boards and agencies of the Church in the educational work under their care," the Boards of Christian Education agreed to share with other Boards and agencies in the following co-operative undertakings:

(a) The Co-operative Council of Missionary Education was admirably re-established on June 1, 1937, on a sound co-operative basis and since that time has been functioning under the splendid directorship of the Reverend Mr. David D. Baker. The Boards and Agencies that share in this co-operative project are: the Boards of International Missions, the Boards of National Missions, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Evangelical Women's Union and the Boards which are bringing this report.

(b) The Correlating Council on Adult Education constitutes a co-operation of all agencies of the Church doing educational work with adults through which they agree upon certain common study units. This development is unquestionably a real forward step, for it marks the first time in the history of either branch of the Church when these organizations have said to each other: "In our so-called educational programs which each of us has been building independently, does it not seem reasonable that we should henceforth consult with each other and together, rather than singly, decide upon those pertinent pressing problems to which all adults may well address themselves."

(c) The Boards' co-operation with the entire program of Kingdom Service is reflected by its active participation in the Committee on Correlation and Promotion of the Executive Committee of General Synod and the Sub-committee on Literature.

Interdenominational Co-operation

The Boards and their Unified Staff have continued during the past biennium to generously share in the co-operative work of the International Council of Religious Education. The Staff is now working closely with the Council in its plans for the forthcoming International Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, June 28 to July 3. Both in the World's Sunday School Association and the Council of Church Boards of Education, the Educational Staff is taking an active part. These broader contacts are of inestimable value.

An Essential Educational Need

The employment of a Children's Division Worker is still a paramount need. It is to be earnestly hoped that increased funds for the next biennium will permit the Board of Christian Education to add this essential specialized service.

Business and Real Estate

The Business and Real Estate Departments of the Board of Christian Education have experienced two difficult years in this past biennium, and yet withal they have come through fairly satisfactorily. The appended financial statements which are transcripts taken from the Auditor's report show the exact situation, but the following interpretative summary may be a bit more understandable.

In the Real Estate Department during the past two years we have met all outside obligations, have borrowed no money for current expenses that we have not paid back, have no delinquent accounts owing to outside interests, have not increased our capital investment, have excellently maintained the physical upkeep of the building—have even enhanced its value, and have closed the business for the biennium with a cash balance of \$1,140.68.

In the Business Department our total sales for 1936 amounted to \$213,538.90, and for 1937 to \$210,676.85. Our final profit for 1936 was \$8,349.98, and for 1937, \$6,430.80. The cash on hand as of December 31, 1937, showed \$38,234.71 plus \$1,652.40 in the Parkway Trust Company (in liquidation).

May we again make an earnest plea to all ministers, churches, church schools and in fact to our entire constituency to give loyal support to our denominational book stores and publishing houses. It should ever be borne in mind that these agencies are in a position to meet *all book, supply and periodical needs* regardless of publisher or manufacturer. Prices compare favorably with prices obtainable elsewhere—and every dollar that is channeled through one of our denominational houses means greater internal dividends in terms of expanded work and service and in terms of a greater and more influential Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Messenger

Since a separate joint report on "The Messenger" is being brought by the Board of Publication and the Board of Christian Education, we wish here merely to express the Board's sincere appreciation for the fine support which Synods, Districts, Classes, congregations and individuals have consistently given to this essential project of our merged Church. A gradual increase in subscribers during the past biennium is the best testimony of this growing sense of loyalty and appreciation on the part of the readers. We as a Church should not be content, however, until the number of subscribers doubles and triples the present circulation.

At this stage in our merger development it may not be amiss to point out the fact that all through the years, the Board of Christian Ed-

ucation has been substantially subsidizing our Church Paper to the extent of thousands of dollars annually. Recently this subsidy has come entirely from the Board's Business Department, since Real Estate has had all it could do to carry itself. Undoubtedly, many in our Church do not realize the great service which our Board has rendered in this way. We call your special attention to these "Messenger" finances now, because it will soon devolve upon General Synod to determine ways and means for meeting these subsidies in the future, when General Synod itself, according to the new Constitution, assumes full and direct responsibility for the Church Paper.

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Surely the experiences of these past two years in attempting to meet our three Boards' diversified responsibilities have not been easy, but have indeed been challenging. And although difficulties and discouragements were not strangers to the Boards' Staff, yet even these seemed merely to bind those who shared them more closely together.

And just as those of us who have been thus privileged to work so closely together and have consequently been bound together in spirit, so our two great constituencies, as they increasingly avail themselves of opportunities to work shoulder to shoulder, will find that they likewise will be drawn closer and closer together and bound by stronger and stronger ties of a common spirit and of a common goal. Unitedly, they will be able to do what separately they could never accomplish. And together as one great spiritual force they will be in a position to exert an impact upon un-Christian patterns of life, that unquestionably they could never have exerted separately.

The new Evangelical and Reformed Church with strong consecrated leadership can become a force in Christendom that will turn worlds upside down and actively plant His Lordship in a world that sorely needs His redeeming love.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. Keppel, Executive Secretary.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

For the year 1936 the three co-operating Boards operated on separate budgets. In 1937 the apportionments were pooled. Following are summary statements of the past biennium.

Board of Christian Education

(January 1 to December 31, 1936)

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
Executive Secretary's Office.....	\$ 2,318.85	
Department of Home & Church.....	3,879.74	
Field Work	2,241.23	
Children's Work	181.42	
Vacation Church School	1,228.42	
Student Work	2,150.00	
Leadership Training & Youth Work.....	\$ 23.70	6,585.95
Summer Schools & Camps.....	2,353.00	2,513.82
Apportionment	26,248.98	
Interest	179.84	77.00
Note Receivable	100	
Annuity Bond	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous50	70.51
Missionary Education		550.00
Rent & Water		1,456.92
Free Grants of Literature		962.40
Children's Day Service		568.25
International Council of Religious Education.....		350.00
Catawba College		1,434.30
Mission House		2,184.30
Auditor		100.00
Bond—Ursinus College		990.00
Miscellaneous—Postage		293.05
	<u>29,906.02</u>	<u>30,136.16</u>

Summary

Cash Balance at Jan. 1, 1936....	\$ 482.74
Receipts for the year.....	29,906.02
	<u>30,388.76</u>
Expenditures for the year.....	30,136.16
	<u>252.60</u>
Cash Balance at Dec. 31, 1936	252.60

Board of Religious Education

(February 1, to December 31, 1936)

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
Budget	\$15,587.00	
General Accounts	2,513.43	16,010.66
Library	11.51	260.25
Leadership Training	21.26	63.91
Summer Schools	10,820.48	12,231.76
Camps	2,636.93	3,012.01
Adult Division	1.75	

Bailey Slide	652.82	634.79
Daily Vacation Bible School		6.00
Convention 1937		32.77
	<u>32,245.18</u>	<u>32,252.15</u>

Summary

Cash Balance Feb. 1, 1936.....\$	38.88
Receipts for the year.....	32,245.18
	<u>32,284.06</u>
Expenditures for the year	32,252.15
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1936....	31.91

Evangelical League Board

(February 1 to December 31, 1936)

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
Budget	\$ 3,212.00	
Contribution—Student Pastors	410.00	
National Dues	757.51	
District Dues	3.30	
Contribution—General	39.17	
Final Dividend from closed bank.....	94.83	
General Receipts—sales, refunds, etc.....	393.03	
Student Chapel	157.66	
Library—Added Volumes		8.68
<i>General</i>		
Printing of Pamphlets		326.92
Evangelical Student		140.00
Office Supplies		152.72
Postage		176.76
Telephone & Telegraph		81.85
Travel		538.98
Contributions		5.00
Rent—Office		208.50
Salaries		2,518.04
General Expenses, Misc.		141.78
<i>Student:</i>		
Salary of Student Pastor		705.00
Payment on account of loan.....		569.81
Interest on loan		132.00
Travel		14.50
Fire Insurance		18.90
	<u>5,067.50</u>	<u>5,739.44</u>

Summary

Cash Balance, Feb. 1, 1936.....\$	702.22
Receipts for year	5,067.50
	<u>5,769.72</u>
Expenditures for the year.....	5,739.44
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1936.....\$	30.28

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

(Board of Christian Education, Board of Religious Education and
the Evangelical League Board)Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Year Ending December 31, 1937

<i>Departments</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Net Disbursements or (Receipts)</i>
Budget — Apportionment	\$44,520.43	\$	(\$44,520.43)
General Office	807.87	15,394.86	14,586.99
Miscellaneous	50.00	254.40	204.40
Library	316.12	2,946.54	2,630.42
Leadership Training Division	103.58	6,757.81	6,654.23
Leadership Training Summer			
Schools	17,945.47	20,283.67	2,338.20
Children's Work	282.34	1,050.64	768.30
Young People's Work	896.94	7,940.65	7,043.71
Student Work	1,244.20	3,186.70	1,942.50
Camps	13,539.95	13,432.23	(107.72)
Adult Division	49.85	581.70	531.85
Field Work	38.37	6,140.97	6,102.60
Week Day Religious Education..	2.20	152.97	150.77
Missionary Education	0	1,075.00	1,075.00
National Conference	4,026.09	4,773.52	747.43
Bailey Slides	725.85	793.93	68.08
Totals	\$84,549.26	\$84,765.59	\$ 216.33

Summary

Cash balance at January 1, 1937:

In Banks	\$ 33.52	
Petty cash on hand	295.00	\$ 328.52

Receipts for the year 84,549.26

Total.....	84,877.78
Disbursements for the year.....	84,765.59

Cash balance at December 31, 1937:

Philadelphia National Bank—		
special account	\$.72	
Philadelphia National Bank—		
general account	0	
First National Bank of Bally, Pa...	50.00	
Petty cash on hand	61.47	112.19

(This statement involves the pooled apportionments of the above three co-operating Boards from the beginning of their co-operative financial relationship).

Balance Sheet**At December 31, 1937**

This statement involves the pooled accounts of the above three co-operating Boards from the beginning of their co-operative financial relationship).

ASSETS*Cash on Hand*

Philadelphia National Bank—Special Account....	\$.72	
Philadelphia National Bank—General Account...	0	
First National Bank of Bally, Pa.....	50.00	
Petty Cash	61.47	\$ 112.19

Parkway Trust Company (in liquidation).....	2,176.88	
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Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable — miscellaneous.....	292.62	
Due from Real Estate Department.....	180.00	472.62

Notes Receivable

Board of Home Missions	1,088.45	
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Inventories

Furniture, fixtures and equipment.....	2,347.00	
Library — books	1,054.05	
Pictures	200.00	
Stationery and office supplies.....	526.43	
Exhibit materials	19.00	
Resale printed materials	1,259.60	
Postage	177.26	
Bailey Stereopticon slides and equipment.....	1,263.74	6,847.08

Investments

Ursinus College First Mortgage Gold Bond.....	990.00	
Board of Endowment and Trust Funds.....	1,444.70	2,434.70

Miscellaneous

Bailey Slide — Contract payments.....	405.64	
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Total assets.....	\$13,537.56	
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LIABILITIES*Accounts Payable*

Due to Camp Mensch Mill.....	\$ 400.00	
Due to Business Department.....	72.21	\$ 472.21

Notes Payable

Extension Fund Board	1,685.00	
F. A. Keck—General Treasurer (Dunkirk Property)	5,000.00	6,685.00

Annuity Bonds

Anna C. Saam	1,000.00	
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Capital Account

Balance at December 31, 1937.....	5,380.35	
Total Liabilities and Capital.....	\$13,537.56	

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT**Profit and Loss Statement—For the Years 1936 and 1937**

<i>Periodical Department</i>	<i>1936</i>	<i>1937</i>
Sales, net	\$125,961.09	\$117,977.42
Cost of goods sold	80,483.50	76,378.98
Gross Profit	45,477.59	41,598.44
Expenses	25,083.57	29,347.10
Net Profit	20,394.02	12,251.34
Other Income	999.93	1,013.80
Total Profit	21,393.95	13,265.14
<i>Book Department</i>		
Sales, net	23,427.27	27,050.04
Cost of sales	14,696.69	16,180.60
Gross Profit	8,730.58	10,869.44
Expenses	12,480.73	11,374.95
Net Loss	(3,750.15)	(505.51)
Other Income	501.37	342.73
Final Loss	(3,248.78)	(162.78)
<i>Music and Supply Department</i>		
Sales, net	40,777.64	42,993.51
Cost of goods sold	26,336.36	29,035.96
Gross Profit	14,441.28	13,957.55
Expenses	15,466.29	13,183.81
Net Profit or (Loss)	(1,025.01)	773.74
Other Income	860.09	418.91
Final Profit or (Loss)	(164.92)	1,192.65
<i>Special Sales Department</i>		
Sales, net	5,390.66	4,281.82
Cost and Expenses	5,006.62	3,877.39
Net Profit	384.04	404.43
<i>Messenger Department</i>		
Income for year	18,681.51	20,295.47
Costs and Expenses	25,895.41	28,564.11
Net Loss	(7,213.90)	(8,268.64)
<i>Reformed Church Messenger</i>		
Income for year	1,180.90	
Costs and Expenses	3,981.31	
Net Loss	(2,800.41)	

Comparative Balance Sheet
For the Years Ending December 31, 1936 and 1937

	1936	1937
<i>Assets</i>		
Current Assets	\$155,127.13	\$132,719.44
Inventories	19,883.17	20,482.50
Furniture & Equipment	2,924.79	18,997.91
Miscellaneous	6,899.75	8,747.23
Total	\$184,834.84	\$180,947.08
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,981.22	\$ 5,919.33
Advance Charges and Payments on Periodicals..	20,880.94	—
"Messenger" subscriptions paid in advance.....	5,021.34	4,770.60
"Messenger" Endowment Fund	1,328.00	1,328.00
Miscellaneous	2,002.15	2,164.45
Reserve for Depreciation	—	16,172.71
Total.....	\$ 35,213.65	30,355.09
Net Capital at close of respective years.....	\$149,621.19	\$150,591.99

Comparison of Sales

In order that you may see for comparative purposes the sales of the departments for two years, the following summary is given:

	1936	1937
Periodical, net	\$125,961.09	\$117,977.42
Book, net	23,427.27	27,050.04
Supply, net	34,496.90	42,993.51
Music, net	6,280.74	— **
Special Sales, net	5,390.66	4,281.82
Reformed Messenger, net	1,180.90*	—
The Messenger, net	16,801.34‡	18,374.06
	\$213,538.90	\$210,676.85

NOTE: * For one month
 ** Merged with Supply Department
 ‡ For eleven months

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

Comparative Profit and Loss Statement

For the Biennium Ending December 31, 1937

Income

	<i>Dec. 31, '36</i>	<i>Dec. 31, '37</i>
From rentals of office and halls.....	\$ 88,956.92	\$ 88,702.98
Add rents remitted to various boards.....	—	—
Total rents	88,956.92	88,702.98
Less rentals remitted to boards.....	—	—
Net income from rents	88,956.92	88,702.98

Other Charges to Tenants

Water	559.40	604.70
Safe rentals	66.00	77.50
Gas	4.20	—

Other Income

Commissions earned on ice, towels, etc.....	267.69	221.92
Interest on notes, and discount on taxes.....	566.90	398.95
Legacy from Estate J. Jamison.....	1,084.00	—
Total other income	2,548.19	1,303.07
Total income	91,505.11	90,006.05

Expenses

Taxes	13,643.38	13,382.25
Coal	2,773.39	2,428.97
Repairs and alterations	2,826.72	6,275.84
Water rent	515.00	515.00
Insurance premium used	2,146.61	2,128.46
Incidental expense, supplies, etc.....	5,639.95	4,543.27
Salaries	37,133.31	39,230.66
Gas lighting	5.04	.54
Electric lighting and power (net).....	4,184.02	4,377.33

Depreciation:

On old building, 1½%	2,025.16	2,025.16
On new building, 1½%	10,776.24	10,776.24
On elevators, 4%	2,120.88	2,120.88
On engine room, 4%	1,358.42	1,358.42
On furniture & fixtures, 10%.....	147.90	143.01
On safe cabinets, 5%.....	134.60	134.60
On bank vaults & equipment, 10%.....	78.75	78.75
On bank furniture & equipment, 20%.....	112.60	112.60
Window cleaning	1,137.50	1,367.50
Water	394.80	440.40
Loss on bad notes	—	—
Loss on sales of capital assets.....	—	—
Loss on water heater	—	137.20
Rental agent's commission	2,546.38	1,157.69
Total expenses	89,700.65	92,734.77

Interest Payments

On notes	81.72	81.72
On funds	5,832.40	5,832.40
On annuity bonds (annuities).....	524.75	527.37
Mortgage interest	18,999.86	18,999.96
Total interest paid	25,438.73	25,441.45
Total expenses and interest	115,139.38	118,176.22
Balance, net loss for year.....	(23,634.27)	(28,170.17)

Other Deductions

Charge off on Andrew J. Sauer note.....		5,000.00
Total Loss for year.....	(\$23,634.27)	(\$33,170.17)

Comparative Balance Sheet**For the Biennium Ending December 31, 1937***Fixed Assets*

	<i>Dec. 31, '36</i>	<i>Dec. 31, '37</i>
New Schaff Building	\$ 718,415.94	\$ 718,415.94
Old Schaff Building	135,010.68	135,010.68
Elevator equipment	53,021.92	53,021.92
Engine room equipment	33,960.50	33,862.90
Land	135,000.00	135,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	17,820.18	18,070.83
Safe cabinets	2,692.00	2,692.00
Furniture and equipment—bank	563.00	325.50
Vaults and equipment in bank.....	787.50	787.50
Total	\$1,097,271.72	\$1,097,187.27

Current Assets

Cash in bank	3,562.37	1,115.68
Petty cash on hand	25.00	25.00
Cash balance in Parkway Trust Co., in liquidation	2,200.35	2,200.35
Cash balance in Parkway Trust Co., Philip Schaff Church Unity Fund, in liquidation	103.70	103.70
Rents, etc., due and unpaid.....	15,381.28	12,334.18
Notes receivable	13,376.35	8,376.35
Life insurance — Messrs. Stahr and Waidner	2,000.00	2,000.00
Supplies and coal inventory	673.38	1,129.09
Total	37,322.43	27,284.35

Deferred Assets

Insurance premium unexpired	2,021.10	1,715.22
Prepaid commissions	120.00	48.00
Total	2,141.10	1,763.22
Total assets	\$1,136,735.25	\$1,126,234.84

Fixed Liabilities

Mortgage on properties	\$ 475,000.00	\$ 475,000.00
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Annuity Bonds

Annuities outstanding	8,575.00	8,700.00
Forward Movement Building Fund	300.00	300.00
Total.....	8,875.00	9,000.00

Current Liabilities

Notes payable	1,634.69	1,634.69
Owing to Business Department	51,849.75	53,129.11
Owing to Educational Department.....	3,629.15	180.00
Sundry unpaid bills and accounts.....	273.03	634.34
Total.....	57,386.62	55,578.14

Deferred Liabilities

Interest accrued on mortgage.....	1,583.33	1,583.33
Prepaid rents	395.84	250.42
Total	1,979.17	1,833.75

<i>Fund Accounts</i>	151,351.74	150,209.26
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<i>Reserves</i>	223,264.04	239,804.40
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Total Liabilities.....	917,856.57	931,425.55
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Capital and Surplus

Net capital of the Real Estate.....	252,474.12	261,574.90
Surplus profits	(33,595.44)	(66,765.61)
Total	218,878.68	194,809.29

Total Liabilities and Capital....	\$1,136,735.25	\$1,126,234.84
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REPORT OF EDEN PUBLISHING HOUSE
(Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

The fiscal year of Eden Publishing House ends on June 30. It is therefore impossible to present a complete up-to-date picture of our financial status at the present time.

Attached please find—

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1937.

Comparative Statement of Profit and Loss for the fiscal years ended June 30, 1935, 1936, and 1937.

Statement of Surplus for the fiscal years ended June 30, 1935, 1936 and 1937.

Statement of Earned Income and Expenses on the "Messenger" for the year 1937.

The first three statements represent the findings of Schuessler & Keller, Certified Public Accountants, St. Louis, Mo., while the statement on the "Messenger" was prepared by Robert J. Bennett, Certified Public Accountant, Philadelphia, Pa.

The general financial complexion of Eden Publishing House has changed very little since our last report to the General Synod except for one instance which should be a cause for rejoicing: Our bonded debt has been reduced from \$200,000.00 to \$74,000.00, the latter due and payable on November 1, 1940. It will be seen from our Balance Sheet that cash on hand and accounts receivable alone more than outweigh the unpaid balance of this debt.

Our church paper, "The Messenger," has been a heavy financial burden carried jointly with the Board of Christian Education. For strategic reasons it was deemed advisable to continue editorial offices and business offices both in Philadelphia and St. Louis, thereby very considerably increasing expenses. We believe that the time is ripe for a consolidation of the work and a consequent material reduction in personnel and expenses. It is to be hoped that the General Synod will see its way clear to accept the financial responsibility for church papers, i. e., "The Messenger," "Friedensbote," and "Kirchenzeitung."

Since January 1, 1938, Church School and Young People's Papers of the two groups have been merged, anticipating a status provided for by the new constitution. Details of this phase of the work will be found in the Report of the Board of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. P. Hennings, Gen. Mgr.,
EDEN PUBLISHING HOUSE.

EDEN PUBLISHING HOUSE

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1937

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash

On Hand	\$ 790.00	
In Banks	21,114.24	\$ 21,904.24

Accounts Receivable

Customers and Subscribers.....	\$ 59,120.43	
Less: Reserve for Bad Debts..	2,978.79	\$ 56,141.64

Board of Christian Education....	2,449.73	
Evangelical Synod of N. America	377.64	58,969.01

Accrued Interest		5.00
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Inventories

Books and Merchandise	\$ 55,080.27	
Periodicals	2,394.13	
Printing Paper and Materials....	16,684.33	
Work in Process and Semi-Fin- ished Product	6,138.46	80,297.19

Total Current Assets..		\$161,175.44
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Investment

First Deed of Trust on Real Estate		16,500.00
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Fixed Assets

Real Estate

Land	\$ 24,459.99	
Buildings	\$306,459.06	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	55,721.74	250,737.32

Total Real Estate.....	\$275,197.31	
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Machinery and Equipment	\$108,216.74	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation....	82,942.75	25,273.99

Type	\$ 8,250.44	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation....	7,710.48	539.96

Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 30,448.21	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation....	21,111.78	9,336.43

Total Fixed Assets.....		310,347.69
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Deferred Charges

Postage on Hand	\$ 619.17	
Unexpired Insurance	480.74	
Other Prepaid Expense	600.77	

Total Deferred Charges.....		1,700.68
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Total.....		\$489,723.81
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable		\$ 9,269.43
Credit Balances of Customers and Subscribers		2,033.81
Loans from Individuals		9,636.59
Accrued Expense		
Taxes	\$ 2,081.66	
Payroll	1,935.67	
Interest	1,061.16	
Liability Insurance	65.00	5,143.49
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Total Current Liabilities.....		\$ 26,083.32

Funded Debt

First Mortgage Five Per cent Real Estate Gold Bonds—Due Novem- ber 1, 1940—Secured by Mortgage Deed of Trust on Plant and Equipment — Authorized Issue....	\$200,000.00	
Less: Bonds Called—May 1, 1937:		
Retired by Trustee.....	\$118,300.00	
Funds in hands of Trustee for retirement of called bonds	6,700.00	125,000.00
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Balance	\$ 75,000.00	
Less: Bonds Held in Treas- ury.....	1,000.00	\$ 74,000.00
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Reserves

Reserve for Unearned Subscriptions		38,250.51
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Capital

Capital Stock	\$ 90,000.00	
Surplus	261,389.98	351,389.98
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Total.....		<hr/> <u>\$489,723.81</u>
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EDEN PUBLISHING HOUSE
Statement of Profit and Loss

	<i>Fiscal Years Ended June 30</i>		
	1935	1936	1937
NET SALES			
Periodicals and Lessons	\$120,176.62	\$111,292.91	\$ 98,996.14
Printing and Binding	51,010.21	58,315.43	65,768.62
Books and Merchandise	101,450.71	94,762.40	85,854.42
Total	\$272,637.54	\$264,370.74	\$250,619.18
DEDUCT—COST OF SALES			
Periodicals and Lessons			
Production Costs	\$ 56,034.39	\$ 50,372.50	\$ 42,779.97
Purchased Periodicals and Lessons	12,727.88	12,742.48	13,979.22
Editorial Expense	26,184.96	23,059.21	20,799.99
Cost of Second Class Mailings	3,998.62	3,556.39	3,174.62
Total—Periodicals and Lessons	\$ 98,945.85	\$ 89,730.58	\$ 80,733.80
Printing and Binding	43,438.28	48,828.04	53,104.68
Books and Merchandise	63,664.87	60,826.74	53,007.54
Total	\$206,049.00	\$199,385.36	\$186,846.02
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 66,588.54	\$ 64,985.38	\$ 63,773.16
DEDUCT—OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES			
Departmental Expenses			
Circulation Department	\$ 9,424.88	\$ 8,101.39	\$ 7,776.73
Selling Expense—Printing and Binding	2,038.34	1,873.96	2,122.25
Selling and Shipping Expenses—Books and Merchandise	40,147.69	39,317.02	29,231.45
Total	\$ 51,610.91	\$ 49,292.37	\$ 39,130.43

General and Administrative Expenses—After Deduction of Proportion Allocable to Manufacturing	19,373.53	17,976.93	16,476.41
Total	\$ 70,984.44	\$ 67,269.30	\$ 55,606.84
NET PROFIT OR LOSS ON OPERATIONS.....	\$ 4,395.90	\$ 2,283.92	\$ 8,166.32
ADD — OTHER INCOME			
Interest Earned	\$ 5,542.09	\$ 6,371.75	\$ 5,690.68
Discount on Purchases	900.46	970.82	1,005.56
Miscellaneous Income	167.33	68.79	80.59
Total	\$ 6,609.88	\$ 7,411.36	\$ 6,776.83
GROSS INCOME	\$ 2,213.98	\$ 5,127.44	\$ 14,943.15
DEDUCT — OTHER CHARGES			
Interest on Loans from Individuals	\$ 704.27	\$ 687.53	\$ 575.35
Provision for Bad Debts	1,220.01	1,000.00	1,060.50
Loss on Joint Publication of "The Messenger"	—	3,624.71	5,666.58
Estimated Expense Applicable to Building Space Not Required in Present Scope of Operations.....	4,975.87	5,118.12	4,991.79
Estimated Loss on Operation of Chicago Branch for Two Months Ended August 31, 1936	—	—	2,018.88
Factory Burden Not Absorbed in Production.....	1,577.85	—	—
Total	\$ 8,478.00	\$ 10,430.36	\$ 14,313.10
NET INCOME OR LOSS FOR THE PERIOD.....	\$ 6,264.02	\$ 5,302.92	\$ 630.05

EDEN PUBLISHING HOUSE

Statement of Surplus

	<i>Fiscal Years Ended June 30</i>		
	1935	1936	1937
Balance at Beginning of Period.....	\$301,870.35	\$292,799.90	\$267,628.86
Deductions			
Excess of Operating Expenses of "Men's Memorial" Floors over Rent Received	2,806.43	2,886.66	3,516.07
Adjustment to Increase Reserve for Unearned Subscriptions.....	—	16,981.46	—
Adjustment of Chicago Branch Inventory for Obsolete and Oth- erwise Unsalable Merchandise Accumulated in Prior Years.....	—	—	3,352.86
Total Deductions.....	\$ 2,806.43	\$ 19,868.12	\$ 6,868.93
Balance — After Deductions.....	\$299,063.92	\$272,931.78	\$260,759.93
Net Income or Loss for the Period....	6,264.02	5,302.92	630.05
Balance at End of Period.....	\$292,799.90	\$267,628.86	\$261,389.98

THE MESSENGER**Statement of Earned Income and Expenses for the Year 1937**

(A composite of Philadelphia and St. Louis accounts—including all costs)

Income

Earned subscription income	\$32,988.25	
Advertising Income	3,758.77	
Total Income		\$36,747.02

Expenses

Production Costs	\$24,578.50	
Office Rent	2,832.12	
Salaries — Editorial	10,917.50	
Salaries — Office and Circulation.....	8,401.14	
Second Class Mailing Costs	2,332.77	
Postage	809.29	
Stationery and Printing	576.43	
Traveling Expenses	537.69	
Insurance	97.35	
Telephone and Telegraph	102.86	
Light and Water	20.71	
Incidental Departmental Expenses.....	20.56	
Advertising	597.52	
Literary Material	1,220.55	
Depreciation	133.92	
Dr. Bromer's Salary	20.00	

Miscellaneous:

Wrappers	\$ 1.36	
Incidental Expenses	136.20	
Dues and Subscriptions	61.06	
Inbound Transportation	18.80	
Outbound Transportation	1.32	
Library Expense	10.96	
Packing and Shipping	36.00	
Mailing List Expense	11.60	
Miscellaneous Expenses	23.64	300.94

Total Expenses	53,499.85
Final Loss	16,752.83

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

The Report of the Committee on Christian Education and Publications was called for on Friday afternoon. The Committee not yet being ready to make report, asked for a postponement; however, the recommendation that the Board of Christian Education and Publication be reduced from 36 to 24 members was adopted and referred to the Nominating Committee.

The Committee, through its Chairman Dr. Wayne H. Bowers, presented its completed report on Monday afternoon.

Pending action on a motion to adopt the report as a whole, the General Synod was addressed by the Executive Secretary of the Board, Mr. A. R. Keppel. Drs. Theodore F. Herman, J. P. Meyer, W. Sherman Kerschner and A. Wehrli spoke on the Church School Hymnal, and Mr. J. P. Hennings with reference to the Eden Publishing House. Resolution 6 was referred to the Executive Committee and the report then adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Christian Education and Publications begs leave to report as follows:

We call your attention to the joint report of the Board of Christian Education, The Board of Religious Education and the Evangelical League Board, contained on pages 103 to 128 inclusive of the Blue Book.

Your Committee notes with great pleasure the fact that this department of the work of the merged groups appears to be functioning most happily, and to have made perhaps greater progress toward a genuine merger, both in work and in finances, than any other part of the general denominational activities. We especially rejoice over the following features, gleaned from a study of their report.

1) The arrangement now in effect, whereby the three above mentioned Boards, working harmoniously together, have located their executive offices in Philadelphia, and their editorial offices in St. Louis.

2) The fact that the financial resources of the three Boards were actually pooled, with a unified or pooled budget, at the beginning of the calendar year 1937.

3) The highly successful enterprise of the Lakeside, Ohio, National Conference on Christian Education, held in June-July, 1937, attended by some 1200 delegates, and which left most happy memories in the minds of those fortunate enough to have attended.

4) The carrying out of the project of issuing a new series of Church School publications, which is being well received by the Church at large, together with the plan of supplanting these publications with a new series of departmental graded lessons.

5) Progress reported on the preparation of a new Church School hymnal.

6) The unifying of the summer camps and schools, in publicity and general promotion.

7) The participation of these three unified Boards in the project whereby the Cooperating Council of Missionary Education was reestab-

lished, with headquarters in St. Louis under the care of Rev. David D. Baker.

Your Committee has received for consideration three overtures, all having to do with the Conference Grounds at Dunkirk, N. Y., and which are found on page 31 of the White Book.

Pursuant to the foregoing reports and overtures, your Committee now proposes the following *Resolutions* to General Synod:

- 1) Resolved: that Synod congratulates these Boards upon the thoroughness and efficiency of their practical merger, and reaffirm its entire confidence in the present direction of this educational work.
- 2) Resolved: that Synod recognizes the need of a new Church School Hymnal; gives its renewed approval to this work and urges that it be pushed to early completion.
- 3) Resolved: that Synod hereby renews its former approval of the suggestion made by these Boards, that the staff be increased by the addition of trained field workers, as funds become available for the purpose.
- 4) Resolved: that Synod again urges all our ministers and lay workers to avail themselves of our own denominational book stores and publishing houses, when ordering books, with a view to increasing the gross business of our agencies, and also in order to avail themselves of the excellent service rendered by the Board.
- 5) Resolved: that in view of the reduction made in 1937 in the budget allotment from "E" funds, and also in view of the small percentage of the "R" apportionment actually received for this all important work of Christian Education, Synod maintains the existing apportionment for Christian Education, and increase it if at all possible.
- 6) With regard to the several overtures on the subject of the Dunkirk Conference Grounds, and Mensch Mill, found on page 31 of the White Book, your Committee feel that the proposed consideration of the OWNERSHIP, and of the FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY and of the management for these two projects are matters which call for a much more prolonged study than we can now give them. This brings up the whole question of the future status of these and of kindred properties under the merger, and should clearly receive the careful and prolonged study of a special committee.

We therefore suggest: that a special committee be appointed to make a thorough study of this property question.

Respectfully submitted,

David Dunn

Fred C. Schweinfurth

Otto A. Muecke

C. P. Rice

Henry W. Schultheis

H. R. Gebhardt

Wayne H. Bowers, Chairman

7. Ministerial Pension and Relief

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF (Reformed)

To the General Synod:

Your Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States enjoyed two successful years during the last biennium. God richly blessed us and our work, for which we are truly grateful.

The friends and supporters of your Board multiplied; confidence in your Board and its work advanced; the assets increased year by year; the Sustentation Fund grew in membership and financial strength; there was a gain in Memorial Funds and Annuity Bonds; and your Board was able to help a larger number of aged and disabled ministers and widows of ministers, and to give them larger support.

The years 1936 and 1937 were good years for your Board. They were better years than the years 1934 and 1935, and in some respects the best years your Board has ever had. At the close of 1937 we were further on our way toward the adequate support of our veteran ministers and their widows than we were at the close of 1935.

Part One—Annuitants and Their Annuities

Your Board of Ministerial Relief is dedicated to the one great purpose of caring adequately for our aged and disabled ministers and for the widows and minor orphan children of our ministers. The care of our veteran ministers, their widows, and their orphans always has been uppermost in our minds and hearts; and to this end we have given the full measure of our devotion and strength.

We report with pleasure that your Board has paid everything it promised to its annuitants at the very time it was promised. Up to December 31, 1937, your Board paid \$1,123,398.98 in annuities to 919 veteran ministers, widows of ministers, and minor orphan children of ministers.

Many things, however, remain to be done to make the evening of the lives of our Ministerial servants one of peace and plenty. Our Veterans of the Cross never have been adequately supported by our Church. As our General Synod recommended in 1936, "Our Church should endeavor to provide Ministerial Pensions and Relief as follows: \$1,000 a year for an aged or disabled minister and his wife; \$700 for an aged or disabled minister; and \$600 for a widow of a minister. The Church also should provide adequately for the orphans of our ministers."

Part Two—Relief Department

Everybody today knows the meaning of "Relief." It is the giving of help to those who really need it. The Relief Department of your Board is a continuation of the first method of Ministerial Relief in the Reformed Church, which began in 1752. Your Board gives Relief to our aged and disabled ministers and to the widows of our ministers, in accordance with their needs and the financial ability of the Board.

MAINTENANCE OF THE RELIEF DEPARTMENT

The Relief Department should be sacredly kept and well maintained by our Church. This Department is supported by the Apportionment received, by other contributions, and by interest on investments. From the money thus received, grants of Relief are made to the annuitants of our Relief Department. Grants from this Department also are made to members of the Sustentation Fund, who are in need of greater help than the Fund can provide. Your Board gives our needy veterans of the ministry every cent it receives from the Apportionment, and adds as much more as possible from other sources.

RELIEF ANNUITANTS AND THEIR ANNUITIES

During the last biennium your Board gave annuities from the Relief Department to 279 individual annuitants, of whom 95 were ministers and 184 were widows of ministers. The total amount of Relief given to these 279 annuitants during 1936 and 1937 was \$90,703.40. The average annual annuity was \$177.88. During the last two years 28 annuitants passed to their eternal home, of whom 15 were ministers and 13 were widows of ministers; and 22 annuitants, 3 of whom were ministers and 19 were widows of ministers, asked to have their annuities discontinued for various reasons.

RELIEF ANNUITIES INADEQUATE

From an intimate knowledge of the physical and financial condition of our veteran ministers and their widows, we know that the annuities which we now are able to pay our Relief annuitants, are not sufficient to meet their actual needs. We confess with shame that many of our veterans are compelled to suffer because of the inadequate support which your Board is able to give them. We could give any number of concrete examples to show that our veteran ministers and their widows are not properly supported by our Church at the present time. For lack of space we will give only two examples.

One of our Classes urgently requested your Board to give \$600 a year to one of our younger ministers, who is afflicted with a tumor of the brain. His only income is that which he receives from your Board. He has a wife and a young child to support. This indeed was a modest request for this minister. He should receive \$1,000 a year, as recommended by the General Synod, instead of the \$400 which your Board can regularly give him.

Again, a young widow of a minister, whose husband died of tuberculosis, has four children to support on what she can earn in a store, and is compelled to live with her father and another widowed sister with children. She should receive not less than \$600 a year, as recommended by the General Synod, instead of the amount which your Board now can give her.

RELIEF APPORTIONMENT

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in 1932 reduced the Apportionment of your Board from \$116,650 to \$80,137.20, which amount has been granted your Board ever since 1932. On this reduced Apportionment of \$80,137.20 we received \$35,504.22 in 1936, 44.3%; and \$37,340.58 in 1937, 46.6%. Your Board, instead of receiving an average of \$36,422.40 a year through the Apportionment, as we did during the last biennium, should receive at least \$101,244.03 during 1939, and \$107,404.03 during 1940, in order to provide our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers with reasonably adequate Relief.

APPORTIONMENT ASKINGS FOR 1939-1940

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod, at their Conferences, agreed that each Board should ask the General Synod to grant an Apportionment of \$90,000 a year for the care of its aged and disabled ministers, the widows of its ministers, and the minor orphan children of its ministers, for the years 1939 and 1940. Therefore the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church hereby respectfully requests the General Synod to grant an Apportionment of only \$90,000 a year (although quite inadequate) for the care of the Ministerial Relief annuitants of the Reformed Church Group, beginning January 1, 1939.

Part Three—Sustentation Fund

Every minister and nearly every Church member should know that our Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the U.S. is a pension fund, into which our ministers are asked to pay dues, and our Church is

asked to pay four times the amount of these dues, in order to provide the maximum benefits of the Fund at the age of seventy, or at disability before seventy, for our ministers; and at the death of our ministers, 60% of their benefits for their widows. The Fund was established by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U.S. in 1917.

MEMBERSHIP

Those entitled to join the Sustentation Fund are: 1. Ordained ministers; 2. Licensed ministers; and 3. Lay Missionaries, Home and Foreign; all of whom are not over 60 years of age.

ANNUAL DUES

The annual dues paid by or for each member of the Fund range from \$17.13 at 21 years up to \$93.69 at 60. The Church's annual dues are four times the member's dues and range from \$68.52 to \$374.76. The amount of annual dues depends upon the age of entry of the member into the Fund. All dues are to be paid in advance. No member pays dues after he is 70 years old or disabled. He then receives benefits from the Fund.

MAXIMUM BENEFITS

1. At the age of 70 years, after 30 years of service in our ministry, \$500 a year.
2. At the age of 70, for less than 30 years of service in our ministry, \$100 plus \$10 for each year of service.
3. At disability before the age of 70, \$100 for the first 5 years of service in our ministry, plus \$10 for each additional year of service.
4. The widow of a minister receives an annuity equal to 3/5, or 60%, of the benefits her husband is entitled to receive at the time of his death, as long as she remains his widow.
5. If a minister and his widow both die, their orphan children, up to 18 years of age, receive the widow's share.
6. The above are the maximum, or 100%, benefits of the Fund. Now only 50% of these benefits can be paid, because the Financing of the Fund has been completed only 50% by the Church.

MEMBERS OF THE FUND

The following table shows the membership of the Sustentation Fund, as of December 31, 1937:

Total Members Enrolled for all time	1,108
Terminated Memberships:	
Died	148
Disabled	39
Seventy Year Pensions	77
Voluntary Withdrawals	101
Involuntary Withdrawals	61
	426
Active Paying Members	682

ANNUITANTS AND THEIR ANNUITIES

The following table shows the number of annuitants of the Sustentation Fund and their annuities as of December 31, 1937:

	<i>Annuitants</i>	<i>Annuities</i>
70 Year Annuitant Ministers	53	\$13,250.00
70 Year Annuitant Ministers (Serving less than 30 years)	1	165.00
70 Year Annuitant Ministers (Additional Financing)	19	5,563.97
70 Year Ministers (Withdrawals)	4	537.42
Disabled Ministers	32	5,312.44

	<i>Annuityants</i>	<i>Annuities</i>
Disabled Ministers (Additional Financing)	5	794.84
Disabled Ministers (Withdrawals)	2	159.35
Widows of Ministers	102	10,778.41
Widows of Ministers (Additional Financing)	6	733.36
Widows of Ministers (Withdrawals)	2	103.44
Orphans of Ministers	5	237.00
	231	\$37,635.23

TOTAL ASSETS OF THE FUND

While the total assets of our Sustentation Fund on December 31, 1937, were \$1,456,638.58, counting investments at par, the Actuary of your Board tells us that \$1,144,383.82 more are needed in order to pay benefits of 100% to the members of the Fund. Is this a deficit or a default of our Church? We believe it is a deficit, which the Church will pay some day in some way.

A STRONG HEALTHY PENSION FUND

Why do not our Sustentation Fund annuitants receive their 100% annuities? What is wrong? After a careful diagnosis it has been found that our Sustentation Fund is suffering from financial anemia. The dues of our Sustentation Fund are its white corpuscles and the contributions of our Church members are its red corpuscles. Because of the insufficient contributions of our Church members, our Sustentation Fund lacks 50% in red corpuscles. For this reason our Sustentation Fund lacks the strength to pay regularly more than 50% of its maximum benefits. What is the remedy? A transfusion of sufficient red corpuscles in the form of periodic contributions to our Sustentation Fund by each congregation. No pension fund can ever pay its benefits 100% unless the members of the Church, as well as the members of the Fund, pay their dues in full. Let us solemnly agree that when the new Church Pension Fund is established by our Evangelical and Reformed Church, the members of the Fund and the members of the Church each will pay their obligations in full year by year.

ADDITIONAL BENEFIT RESERVE

The Additional Benefit Reserve of our Sustentation Fund was put into operation on January 1, 1933, in order to have a regular flow of red corpuscles into our Sustentation Fund. The purpose of this Reserve is to increase the benefits of the members of our Sustentation Fund by means of contributions by our Church members through their congregations and Classes.

This Reserve has succeeded remarkably well and has put new life into our Sustentation Fund. On December 31, 1937, a total of 270 congregations had paid \$36,708.75 in cash and securities in order to increase the benefits of their 237 pastors. This is 86 more congregations, 80 more pastors, and \$20,558.63 more paid than in 1935. Thus far six Classes of the Eastern Synod, two Classes of the Potomac Synod, and two Classes of the Ohio Synod have made definite plans to increase the benefits of the members of the Sustentation Fund in their respective Classes through this Reserve.

During 1937 benefits were paid from the Additional Benefit Reserve as follows: to 20 70-year ministers \$605.54; to 5 disabled ministers \$32.58; and to 6 widows of ministers \$38.17, a total of \$676.29 paid to 31 annuitants, against \$165.76 paid to 18 annuitants in 1936; \$58.65 paid to 10 annuitants in 1935; and \$14.15 paid to 5 annuitants in 1934. By means of the Additional Benefit Reserve one member of the Sustentation Fund now is receiving \$500 a year from the Fund, another member will receive over \$500 on July 24, 1938, and other members will receive \$500 or more in later years.

Part Four—Finances

The principal business of your Board is the management of its finances. On the soundness and safety of our finances depends the financial security of our veteran ministers and the widows of our ministers. We believe that our finances should be managed in accordance with the best methods and highest ethics of modern business.

ACCOUNTING

Your Board has five separate and distinct accounts. These five accounts are very carefully kept, item by item; checked and balanced each month; always are open for the inspection of every member of your Board; and are carefully audited by our Treasurer each month, and by a Certified Public Accountant once a year. These accounts include Ledgers, bank books, check books, and the like, for each Department.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The Certified Public Accountant of the Board, on February 18, 1938, said: "All cash receipts have been compared with bank deposits. Disbursements have been verified by comparison with checks issued and bank statements. Cash balances have been reconciled. Net excess of Assets over Liabilities and Reserves is \$100,579.56."

VALUATION OF SUSTENTATION FUND

Mr. George A. Huggins, for many years the Actuary of our Board, and the author of the proposed new Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, again made the "Valuation of our Sustentation Fund" and found an improvement in it over 1935-1936.

TOTAL ASSETS

The total assets of your Board on December 31, 1937, were \$1,604,933.24, counting the investments at par. Large as this amount may seem to some, it is only one-fourth as much as our Reformed Church Group needs in order to pay benefits equivalent to those paid by some other denominations, such as the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Protestant Episcopal Church. Our Reformed Church Group is about 15% as large as the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. in ministers and Church members. The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. in 1937 had total funds of \$40,230,691.00. Therefore our Board of Ministerial Relief should have had 15% thereof, or \$6,034,603.65, against the \$1,604,933.24 it had on December 31, 1937.

INCREASE IN INVESTMENTS

In each of the five departments of your Board, the investments at cost during 1936 and 1937 were increased over those of 1935 in the amount of \$189,104.38, as follows:

	<i>Investments</i> <i>Dec. 31, 1937</i>	<i>Investments</i> <i>Dec. 31, 1935</i>	<i>Investment</i> <i>Increase</i>
Members' Reserve	\$ 414,969.35	\$ 349,322.21	\$ 65,647.14
Church's Reserve	759,189.27	687,824.25	71,365.02
Additional Benefit Reserve	37,177.92	14,119.06	23,058.86
Annuity Bond Account	65,491.97	52,178.75	13,313.22
Relief Department	136,775.01	121,054.87	15,720.14
	<u>\$1,413,603.52</u>	<u>\$1,224,499.14</u>	<u>\$189,104.38</u>

NET PROFIT ON INVESTMENTS

The net profit on investments purchased and sold during 1936 and 1937 was \$76,403.40. The total net profit on investments bought and sold from June 1, 1920, to December 31, 1937, was \$227,639.70, which is \$11,512.55 more than the total overhead expenses from the beginning of the Board on August 3, 1905, to December 31, 1937. The total of interest

received each year during 1936 and 1937 was approximately 5% of the investments at cost.

USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Every cent contributed by any person to your Board either has been given to our aged and disabled ministers, their widows and minor orphan children, or today is invested for them.

All the contributions from individuals, congregations, and through the Apportionment to the Relief Department, from the first receipt on August 3, 1905, to the last receipt on December 31, 1937, amounted to \$888,641.26. During the same period of 31½ years, \$936,914.70 were paid to 631 individual Relief annuitants, of whom 254 were ministers and 377 widows of ministers. Thus all the contributions ever given to the Relief Department, plus \$48,273.44, were paid to our aged and disabled ministers and their widows, and no contributions were used for administration expenses.

After paying \$186,484.28 in benefits to 291 beneficiaries of the Sustentation Fund and after making all other disbursements of the Fund, from the beginning of the Fund on July 1, 1917, to December 31, 1937, your Board had remaining in our Sustentation Fund \$349, 129.84 in dues paid, and \$93,017.11 in interest thereon, and other receipts; and \$766,524. 51 in contributions made by the Church, and 248,011.33 in interest thereon, and other receipts: a total of \$1,456,682.79, counting the investments at par. No dues paid by any member of the Fund and no contributions made by any member of the Church have ever been used for administration expenses.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has general charge and supervision of all the property and finances of the Board, and gives special heed to the investing of the moneys of the Board and the safety of its investments. It meets monthly to hear the Treasurer's report, to invest and reinvest moneys, and to transact any other business pertaining to the property or invested funds of your Board. All financial transactions of your Board are either authorized or approved by the Finance Committee.

Part Five—Memorial Funds, Annuity Bonds and Bequests

The cause of Ministerial Relief appeals strongly to many of our Church members, and they are giving goodly sums of money to your Board of Ministerial Relief for the more adequate care of our veteran ministers and their widows, in the way of Memorial Funds, Annuity Bonds, and Bequests.

MEMORIAL FUNDS

A Memorial Fund consists of \$500, or more, which is given as a memorial to the Board of Ministerial Relief, sacredly kept and safely invested by it, and the interest thereof used in helping to support our aged or disabled ministers and their widows. This is one of the finest forms of giving, and its appeal is felt by every loyal member of the Reformed Church Group.

Every Memorial Fund bears the name of some person, persons, Church, congregation, Sunday-school, or other organization of our Church. On December 31, 1937, your Board had 69 Memorial Funds, amounting to \$64, 690.62 in cash, and to \$151, 629.41 when all the promised payments are made.

ANNUITY BONDS

Some of our Church members desire to support the work of Ministerial Relief in a substantial way while they live, but feel that they cannot afford to relinquish the interest on their money during their lifetime. Therefore, they give from \$100 up to any sum to your Board of Ministerial Relief, and in exchange receive an Annuity Bond. By securing an

Annuity Bond they have the satisfaction of knowing that they help to care more adequately for our veteran ministers and their widows. They receive a good rate of interest regularly during their lifetime, and realize that their money has been given to the object for which they really intend it.

During 1936 and 1937 your Board received ten new Annuity Bonds, in the amount of \$18,725.00. The total number of Annuity Bonds on December 31, 1937, was 88, for which \$70,172.00 were paid. Our Annuity Bond Account is a separate and distinct account, and all of the assets of this account are kept separately and are invested in interest-bearing securities. This is the only sound principle of an Annuity Bond Account.

BEQUESTS

For a number of years some of our kind-hearted Church people have remembered our aged and disabled ministers and their widows in their wills. These people wish to use their money during their lifetime, but want some of their estate to go toward the more adequate care of our veteran ministers and their widows after they have passed away. These bequests are greatly appreciated by our Board.

Your Board received five bequests in 1936 and 1937, in the amount of \$5,123.60. The largest bequest ever given to the Board was \$85,000, which will be paid upon the death of a prior beneficiary. A number of other bequests still remain unpaid, but will be paid in the future. Our people cannot bequeath money to a more worthy, needy cause than that of Ministerial Relief.

Part Six—Personnel of the Board

The present members of your Board are: President Harry N. Bassler, D.D.; Vice-President William H. Bollman, D.D.; Secretary and Treasurer Eugene L. McLean, D.D.; Rev. J. W. Meminger, D.D.; Rev. Wallace H. Wotring, D.D., LL.D.; Rev. Henry C. Nott, D.D.; Rev. John L. Barnhart, D.D.; Rev. Carl F. Heyl, D.D.; Rev. Frederick A. Rupley, D.D.; Rev. Orris W. Haulman, D.D.; and Elders A. Paul Gerhart, Edward Dirks, and Christ C. Walthour, Esq.

Rev. J. W. Meminger, D.D., retired as Secretary of the Board, after having served twenty-five years. He became Secretary and Treasurer of the Board in 1913. He became full-time Secretary on February 10, 1920, and retired April 1, 1938. The Reformed Church and your Board duly appreciate the services of Dr. Meminger, especially in the pioneer days of your Board.

Part Seven—Informants of the Board

Your Board has a Ministerial Relief Informant in each Classis. He is the official representative of the Board in his Classis, endorses all new Relief applications, helps to enroll the eligible ministers of his Classis in the Sustentation Fund, reports the name of any minister received by his Classis or dismissed by it to another Classis, reports the death of any minister or widow of a minister in his Classis, and assists the Board in every phase of its work as far as possible.

Our Ministerial Relief Informants have done good work for the cause of Ministerial Relief during the last biennium. We could not do without their services. Your Board greatly appreciates the labor of love performed by our Informants, and takes this opportunity to thank them for the gratuitous services which they have rendered our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers.

Part Eight—Additional Items

The work of your Board of Ministerial Relief is large and extensive. There are a number of phases of work of the Board, at which we can only hint in our report to the General Synod, and which we cannot de-

scribe in detail for lack of space. The following are some of the additional items of work to which we call your attention briefly.

WORK OF THE OFFICE

The office of your Board was a very busy place from the beginning to the end of the last biennium. The office force consists of three girls, who are well trained and efficient. The first girl is the Accountant of the Board, and keeps the thirty-four books of the Board. Neither the audit of the books made by the office each month, nor the audit made by the Certified Public Accountant of the Board annually, has ever found a mistake in her work. She also is a student of finance, and her advice on investments is very valuable. The second girl is the Secretary of the Treasurer. She helps to take care of the mail, types most of the correspondence and all of the reports, minutes, and the like. She is a good stenographer and an excellent typist. The third girl is the Investment Secretary of the Board. She keeps a daily watch on the investments. She writes the receipts of the Board, sends out the notices for the payment of the Sustentation Fund dues, audits the accounts of the office each month, and assists the Accountant in keeping the books of the Board. During 1937 the office installed a more modern system of bookkeeping than it had in former years.

ACTUARY AND AUDITOR

Mr. George A. Huggins, the Actuary of the Board, during the last biennium, rendered valuable service to the Board at a very nominal cost. He calculated many of our Sustentation Fund annuities; made the Valuation of our Sustentation Fund; held a number of conferences with us; prepared the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, with its three Departments; and was the principal advisor on the Church Pension Fund at two of the Conferences of the Representatives of our two Pension and Relief Boards last year. Mr. Temple W. Abbott, of William Henry MacDade, Certified Public Accountants, very thoroughly audited the books and accounts of the Board and the Valuation of our Sustentation Fund.

SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL PERIOD

The General Synod designates a month each year as the time in which to present the cause of Ministerial Pensions and Relief to our people. During the last biennium the several Church papers, at the request of our two Boards, kindly issued special Ministerial Pension and Relief editions of their papers. Your Board published a special edition of its "Ministerial Relief Quarterly"; furnished each pastor with information for a Ministerial Relief discourse or sermon; compiled and mimeographed facts and figures about the work of Ministerial Relief, and sent them to each pastor for the information of his Church members; and each pastor was requested to prepare his own Ministerial Relief Service. A number of congregations observed Ministerial Relief Sunday each year, and the cause of Ministerial Relief thus was promoted at these services, and in some instances special offerings were received. The special Ministerial Pension and Relief promotional period for 1939 and 1940 will be the month of September each year.

UNION OF THE TWO BOARDS

Our Board of Ministerial Relief and the Evangelical Board of Pension and Relief, after most pleasant conferences, have mutually agreed to consolidate the work of the two Boards under the new Board of Pensions and Relief as soon as possible after the new Board is elected by the General Synod. The plan of union has been carefully worked out and is ready for presentation to the General Synod in June, 1938. The proposed Charter of the new Board fully protects the money, property, and bene-

fits of each Pension Fund, and provides for the Relief annuitants of each Church group. The new Church Pension Fund has been drafted by experts, has been adopted by the two Boards, and is ready to receive the approval of the General Synod. We believe that the work of the two Boards will be consolidated early in 1939.

Conclusion

Our God and our Father, Thou who art kind and loving unto all men, remember in tender mercy, we beseech Thee, our aged and disabled ministers and the widows of our ministers. Put the arms of Thy love round about them. Comfort them, sustain them, and support them. Do Thou so influence the hearts of our people that they may love our veteran ministers and their widows, as Thou dost love them, and that they will supply their every need. These blessings we ask in the name and in the merits of Thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Nelson Bassler, President.

Eugene L. McLean, Secretary.

GROWTH OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND SUSTENTATION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

YEAR	RELIEF DEPARTMENT		SUSTENTATION FUND				TOTAL ASSETS
	Annu- tants	Annuities	Certif- icates	Members' and Church's Payments	Annu- tants	Annuities	Board and Two Societies (After 1919)
1905-06	1	\$ 45.00		\$		\$	\$ 213.36
1906-07	5	190.00					364.10
1907-08	10	568.00					1,417.64
1908-09	14	1,277.50					1,679.23
1909-10	18	1,464.05					2,526.63
1910-11	21	1,888.70					4,012.76
1911-12	31	2,379.50					5,868.80
1912-13	33	2,944.00					7,227.90
1913-14	40	3,547.52					9,465.38
1914-15	51	4,979.00					10,366.26
1915-16	57	6,121.50					11,737.08
1916-17	63	7,606.75					15,001.96
1917-18	67	9,223.00	15	1,607.31			16,574.98
1918-19	68	9,811.50	23	1,471.33			19,842.98
1919-20	77	11,248.50	47	2,027.60			35,319.91
1920-21	127	22,452.75	106	63,114.48			261,634.21
1921-22	133	30,818.75	320	72,230.37			356,853.48
1922-23	137	33,132.50	646	60,248.12	2	85.00	435,972.10
1923-24	151	35,808.75	704	58,950.12	10	951.75	535,760.65
1924-25	156	38,880.00	750	65,301.24	14	1,224.78	638,752.60
1925-26	164	41,741.58	810	67,956.42	25	1,936.75	759,146.03
1926-9 mos.	186	37,408.70	891	137,042.64	24	1,615.93	885,562.70
1927	205	54,784.22	922	112,840.12	35	3,132.01	1,044,117.78
1928	218	60,313.85	953	90,073.21	45	3,680.36	1,180,663.26
1929	253	72,417.46	979	90,127.02	63	6,009.64	1,301,475.73
1930	269	77,524.14	1,008	77,863.46	83	8,935.78	1,418,201.34
1931	270	73,627.88	1,037	48,470.80	93	10,881.62	1,485,036.28
1932	269	64,631.22	1,052	25,721.71	106	14,515.61	1,548,142.66
1933	262	44,833.06	1,063	24,585.73	136	17,467.32	1,586,505.90
1934	258	48,081.87	1,074	20,603.99	161	22,012.62	1,608,194.40
1935	253	46,460.05	1,083	25,313.31	181	27,112.02	1,658,158.05
1936	257	44,658.73	1,093	22,038.05	209	30,504.97	1,692,134.16
1937	253	46,044.67	1,108	22,882.97	237	36,418.12	1,757,353.78
1905-1937	631	\$ 936,914.70	1,108	\$1,090,470.00	291	\$ 186,484.28	\$1,757,353.78

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PENSION AND RELIEF (Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

The Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod begs to submit the following report to the General Synod. The present membership of the Fund consists of 984 members, including those who are drawing pension, making an active membership of 821, consisting of pastors, missionaries, commissioned workers and women missionaries. Since the General Conference of 1933, commissioned workers are no longer eligible for membership; a move which met the hearty approval of the members of this Board. We are glad to note that the Constitution of the united Church makes membership in the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund the obligation of all eligible pastors. This is as it should be; for in the majority of cases, pastors who reach the age of retirement or who leave a widow to survive them, turn to the Pension Fund for aid. It is a hard task to turn a deaf ear to the pleas of these older men and their widows. We readily grant that the Church should provide for them, but we also emphasize the fact that they too should share in this responsibility. If the Church were forcing an obligation of hardship or unfairness upon them, they might be excused; but under both present systems and also under the proposed new plan, the premium payments are relatively low and the returns justifiably high. The Church is offering them an opportunity to provide for old age, and the Church should have the right to demand that its pastors co-operate in the support of this work through active membership in the same.

PENSIONS AND RELIEF

During the year 1937 it was our privilege to offer payments to 164 pastors, 269 widows and 15 children. The sums paid out totaled \$93,935.43 in pensions; \$7,725.83 in relief to 139 recipients; \$6,990.54 for years of service prior to 1910; and \$1,749.00 in special relief to 15 cases, which did not come under the regular form of payment; a total of \$110,400.80 to 463 recipients. We are carrying a heavy load but we know of no work in the Church which is more necessary, or which has resting upon it the promise of greater blessing for the Church. We are today paying a minimum of \$200.00 per year and a maximum of \$350.00 per year to pastors, and eighty per cent of these amounts to the widows of pastors. In many cases these amounts must be supplemented by additional grants of relief, so as to make enough for the year to allow for at least the minimum cost of living. In view of this fact this Board is heartily in favor of the new proposed plan of pensions, the Ministers Retirement Annuity Fund, which shall make it possible to pay larger sums to our pensioners upon retirement from the ministry.

FINANCES

Under the present system it becomes necessary each year that the Church support the work of pensions and relief by a portion of the budget. Although we have an endowment of over \$900,000.00, the interest from which goes entirely for payment of pensions, this amount in addition to the premiums paid by the members, would not go very far toward the payment of an item of \$110,400.00. Consequently it has been necessary that the Church give the Pension Fund a share of the annual budget. This amount has reached as high as \$66,500.00, but during the past year was only \$52,008.00. Thus almost half of the money paid to pensioners came through the synodical budget. Under the proposed plan for the new Church, this will have to continue until such time as there shall no longer be any members of the present Fund upon the pension rolls of the Church. Therefore General Synod will have to include

the Pension Fund in its annual Apportionment for such a sum as shall make possible the payment of pensions on a scale not lower than is at present the case in the Evangelical Synod. Surely the new Church would never entertain the thought of paying our pensioners less than either of the two former Churches.

Another source of income for many years has been from the Eden Publishing House. Prior to the years of the depression, this institution paid sums as high as \$10,000.00 per year to the Pension Fund. For several years it was found impossible to do this, but in the past year Eden Publishing House has again shared some of its profit with the Fund. We feel that General Synod should ask the Publishing Houses to continue this piece of splendid work and pay to the Ministers Retirement Annuity Fund, or to the present Fund, a definite share of the annual profits from their business.

THANK OFFERING

During the past few years the Women's Union of our Church has taken a very live interest in the work of the Pension Fund. One of the cottages at Blue Springs was built through the gifts from the Thank Offering; one third of the annual Thank Offering is being used now for the payment of additional relief to our pensioners. This amounted to the sum of \$2,892.37 in the year 1937 and meant much to the individual pensioner, who was thus privileged to receive an additional lift toward meeting the expenses of a livelihood. We trust that the women of the new Church will be inspired by the splendid example set by the women of the Evangelical Synod and will not only continue to carry on this fine work but will make it a definite objective among the causes of the Church which they shall support.

PASTORS' HOMES

We are indeed proud of the institutions known as the Pastors' Homes. Many have the conception that these are large institutional buildings, in which many older folks live together. In reality they are two groups of private individual cottages. At Bensenville, Illinois, a beautiful suburb of Chicago, we have four individual cottages and a duplex; at Blue Springs, Missouri, a restful suburb of Kansas City, we have twelve cottages and a duplex. Here, retired or incapacitated pastors live in the quiet of a beautiful village, or in other cases an older widow can still maintain her own household in the cottage assigned to her. They are offered free of rent and upkeep to those who apply for them; each has a large garden spot nearby. Several of these cottages have been erected as memorials by individuals and organizations, and the Board would welcome negotiations with anyone to whom this idea of a most suitable and useful memorial might appeal. The cost is comparatively small and merits the thoughtful consideration of anyone interested in the cause of the retired minister.

MERGER NEGOTIATIONS

After much careful and thoughtful deliberation, the committees appointed by the two Pension Boards of the new Church have set up a new pension plan, to be known as the Ministers Retirement Annuity Fund. It has the endorsement of this Board and has also been submitted in outline to the Districts of the Evangelical Synod, who have given their approval. We believe that it means a distinct step forward in pensions for the new Church and trust that General Synod will give its endorsement.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion might we add that the Lord has most graciously blessed this branch of His kingdom's work. We have continually felt it a privilege to serve as members of the Board into whose hands was entrusted the work so necessary and so appreciated. With the exception of the few hundred dollars allowance to the treasurer, the work has all been done without compensation by the members of the Board. Thus there has gone to the pensioner the full amount of the money given for that cause. May God continue to prosper our work and challenge the membership of our Church to greater efforts in the work of providing for those who have served her so well, and to whom we owe the obligation to make the close of life "the best yet to be."

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF PENSION AND RELIEF:

Rev. Silas P. Bittner, D.D., Chairman
Mr. J. F. Ruehlmann, Vice-chairman,
Rev. A. Dreusicke, Secretary,
Rev. H. H. Wintermeyer, Treasurer,
Rev. E. F. Abele,
Mr. A. C. Dittman,
Rev. E. R. Jaeger,
Mr. Fred G. Rapp.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

February 1, 1937, to January 31, 1938

	Treasury No. 1	Treasury No. 2	
Balance—Feb. 1, 1937.....	\$ 7,870.71*	\$ 8,137.00	\$ 266.29
RECEIPTS			
Budget from Synod	40,008.00	12,000.00	52,008.00
Interest on Endowment Fd....	33,552.11		33,552.11
Premiums from Members.....	19,380.67		19,380.67
Designations	1,840.66		1,840.66
Women's Union Project		2,892.37	2,892.37
Special Designation of 75% of Profit of Eden P. House..	472.54		472.54
Interest Received	1,378.18		1,378.18
Rental Income	694.44		694.44
Returned Pensions		135.60	135.60
Payment of Note No. 76 of Evangelical Synod	5,000.00		5,000.00
Madeline Mueller Estate—for Endowment Fund	711.19		711.19
Annuity of Cath. M. Viehe....	100.00		100.00
Total Receipts.....	\$103,137.79	\$15,027.97	118,165.76
	\$ 95,267.08	\$23,164.97	\$118,432.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Pensions	\$93,935.43	\$	\$93,935.43
Years of Service prior to 1910		6,990.54	6,990.54
Relief		7,725.83	7,725.83
Special Relief		1,749.00	1,749.00
Premium Refunds	1,943.97		1,943.97
Designations	930.95		930.95
Transfer to Board of Endowment & Trust Funds:			
Madeline Mueller Endow.....	711.19		711.19
Cath. M. Viehe Annuity.....	100.00		100.00
Traveling Expenses	560.18		560.18
Salary of Treasurer	400.00		400.00
Bureau of Board	288.00		288.00
Bureau of Treasurer	266.09		266.09
Expense of Property—4737 Kensington Ave.:			
Taxes	160.64		160.64
Repairs	141.23		141.23
Insurance	19.25		19.25
Printing	96.80		96.80
District Committee Expenses	90.13		90.13
Bank Charges	71.30		71.30
Auditing Fees	70.00		70.00
Gratuities	50.00		50.00
Treasurer's Surety Bond	50.00		50.00
Refund of Overpayment of Premium	15.00		15.00
Miscellaneous	85.67		85.67
Total Disbursements.....	\$99,985.83	\$16,465.37	116,451.20
Balance—Jan. 31, 1938	\$ 4,718.75	\$ 6,699.60	\$ 1,980.85
Consisting of funds on deposit with First National Bank in St. Louis, Mo.			\$ 1,980.85

In addition to the above balance, the treasurer holds in the "Reserve Fund" securities, mortgages and U. S. Treasury bonds for \$12,125.00 and a cash balance of \$3,198.71.

In the "Years of Service Prior to 1910 Account" the treasurer holds a 5% demand note of the Evangelical Synod for \$4,000.00; U. S. Treasury bonds for \$12,000.00 and a cash balance of \$1,179.74.

The Pension Fund also owns the property at 4737-39 Kensington Ave., St. Louis, Mo. The title to this property is held by the Church Extension Fund of the Evangelical Synod of N. A.

In the Pastors' Home Account the treasurer has a bank balance of \$4,499.54; a \$4,000.00 note of the Evangelical Synod and title to lot 22 of Exermont Addition, St. Louis County.

Total Amount of Endowment in hands of Board of Endowment and Trust Funds..... \$917,550.91

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Wintermeyer, Treasurer,
BOARD OF PENSION AND RELIEF.

**REPORT OF THE CONFERENCES OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF OF THE REFORMED CHURCH
IN THE U. S. AND THE BOARD OF PENSION AND RELIEF
OF THE EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF N. A.**

To the General Synod:

At the first meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, held in Zion Evangelical Church, Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, June 27, 1934, the following resolution, relating to the conduct of the work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church until the adoption of a Constitution, was adopted:

"That the Boards or Commissions of the two Churches, that have united, shall be instructed to enter into negotiations for consolidation as rapidly as the laws of the State, their Charters, their Constitutions, and their property rights will permit."

The Six Conferences

In obedience to the above instructions of the General Synod, the Representatives of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the U.S. and the Representatives of the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. held six Conferences on the consolidation and co-ordination of the work of the two Boards under the new Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, to be elected by the General Synod in June, 1938.

The first, second, and third Conferences were held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 25, 1934, on November 15, 1934, and on September 26 and 27, 1935; the fourth Conference was held in Chicago, Illinois, on April 6 and 7, 1937; the fifth Conference was held in Columbus, Ohio, on September 28 and 29, 1937; and the sixth Conference was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 1 and 2, 1938.

The Representatives of the Board of Ministerial Relief at the Conferences were Rev. Harry Nelson Bassler, D.D., President; Rev. William H. Bollman, D.D., Vice-President; Rev. J. W. Meminger, D.D., Secretary; Rev. Eugene L. McLean, D.D., Treasurer; and Rev. Frederick A. Rupley, D.D. The Representatives of the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod were Rev. Silas P. Bittner, D.D., Chairman; Rev. A. Dreusicke, Secretary; Rev. H. Wintermeyer, Treasurer; Rev. E. F. Abele, and Mr. J. F. Ruehlmann. Other members of the two Boards were present as visitors at several Conferences.

The Plan of Union

The plan of union of the work of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the work of the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod, under the new Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, was finally considered and adopted by the Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 1 and 2, 1938. The plan also was adopted with a few minor changes by the two Boards at their annual meetings in 1938.

The plan of union of the two Boards consists of three main divisions, as follows: Part One, Organization of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; Part Two, The Proposed Charter of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; and Part Three, The Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, named the "Church Pension Fund" in the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Part One—Organization of the Board of Pensions and Relief

The Name, the Purpose, the Duties, and the Membership of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall be those prescribed in the Constitution and By-laws of the Church.

OFFICERS

The officers of the Board shall consist of a President; a Vice-President; a Recording Secretary; an Executive Secretary; a Treasurer; and such other officers as the Board shall deem necessary. The Board shall elect a President and a Vice-President from its own membership; and a Recording Secretary, an Executive Secretary, a Treasurer, and other officers either from its own membership or from other members of the Church.

COMMITTEES

The Board shall elect from its membership an Executive Committee, a Finance Committee, an Auditing Committee, and such other Committees as it shall deem necessary. The Board shall have authority to elect additional members of any of its Committees, except of the Executive Committee, from other members of the Church than the members of the Board.

INFORMANTS, OR COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS AND RELIEF

The Board shall recommend for appointment or for election a person for Informant, or the required number of persons for the members of the Permanent Committee on Pensions and Relief, in each Synod of the Church.

MINISTERS' HOMES

The present Ministers' Homes of the Evangelical Synod Group, and new Ministers' Homes which may be established, shall be managed and maintained for the use and care of any minister and his wife, and of any widow of a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

THE PENSION FUNDS

The Board shall administer, maintain, and manage the "Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church," the "Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod," and a new Pension Fund, to be known as the "Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund," as departments of the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, in accordance with the terms and conditions of each Fund and the Charter of the Board.

RELIEF DEPARTMENT

The Board shall establish and maintain a Relief Department in accordance with the actions of the General Synod of 1936. (Recommendations 8 and 14, pages 171 and 172 of the printed Minutes of the 1936 General Synod.)

FINANCES

The finances of the Board will be worked out jointly by the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church, the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod, and the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

BY-LAWS

The By-laws of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will contain all of the articles of Organization of the Board, etc., as adopted by the Board.

REQUEST

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod severally and jointly request the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to co-opt, for a term of two years, the present mem-

bers of the two above Boards, who were not elected members of the Board of Pensions and Relief by the General Synod and by the Board of Pensions and Relief, as advisory members of the Board of Pensions and Relief, in order that the Board of Pensions and Relief, in its organization and in its initial plans and work, may avail itself of the knowledge and experience of all the members of the two above Boards.

Part Two—Proposed Charter of the Board of Pensions and Relief

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod severally and jointly overture the General Synod to adopt a Charter for the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

THE CONTENTS OF THE CHARTER

First, Name of the corporation; *Second*, Board of Directors; *Third*, Location and Post-Office address of the office; *Fourth*, The purposes for which the corporation is formed; *Fifth*, Perpetual existence of the corporation; *Sixth*, Members of the corporation; *Seventh*, Names and addresses of the first members of the Board of Directors; *Eighth*, Names and addresses of the incorporators; *Ninth*, To be organized upon a non-stock basis; *Tenth*, Does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, to its members; *Eleventh*, Terms and conditions under which the corporation shall administer the real and personal property heretofore in the possession of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and of the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod; *Twelfth*, Contributions for Ministerial Relief; *Thirteenth*, Assets of the corporation; *Fourteenth*, The Evangelical and Reformed Church as an unincorporated religious Society or as a corporation; *Fifteenth*, Meetings of the Board of Directors; and *Sixteenth*, By-laws, regulations, and forms of government of the corporation.

PRESENTATION OF THE CHARTER TO THE GENERAL SYNOD

The overture of the two Boards to the General Synod to adopt a Charter of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be presented to the General Synod in its entirety in printed form by the two Boards.

Part Three—Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church

Paragraph 3, Section 13, of Part III. of the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which will be adopted by the General Synod, reads as follows:

"A minister shall devote his time and his talents to the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth, either in the ministry of a congregation or of the general work of the Church. He shall co-operate in the work of the Church at large and shall fulfill such duties as the Synod or the General Synod may require of him. *He shall be a member of the Church Pension Fund.* He shall avoid any unrelated avocation that would dissipate his efficiency as a minister."

"HE SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH PENSION FUND"

In the management and maintenance of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church and of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod, and in the establishment of a new Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Representatives of our two Boards began with the text "He shall be a member of the Church Pension Fund," found in the Constitution of the Church.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT OF THE FUND

The preliminary draft of the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church was considered by the Representatives of our two Boards of Ministerial Relief on September 26 and 27, 1935, and was further considered at the remaining three Conferences of the Representatives of our two Boards; and was finally adopted at our sixth Conference on February 1 and 2, 1938.

WORK OF THE ACTUARIES IN DRAFTING THE FUND

Mr. George A. Huggins, the Actuary of our Board of Ministerial Relief, and Mr. J. A. Budinger, the Actuary of the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod, were commissioned to draft the new Church Pension Fund. Mr. Huggins presented the draft of the new Church Pension Fund to the Representatives of our two Boards in Columbus, Ohio, on September 28 and 29, 1937. The Representatives of our two Boards were not satisfied with this draft of the new Church Pension Fund, and requested the Actuaries of our two Boards to redraft the Church Pension Fund along lines indicated by the Representatives of our two Boards, as found in the minutes of the Conference of the Representatives of our two Boards on September 28 and 29, 1937.

The Actuaries of our two Boards therefore redrafted the proposed new Church Pension Fund, which was presented to each member of our Board of Ministerial Relief and to each member of the Board of Pension and Relief on December 29, 1937, with the request that each member of our two Boards should send his opinion of the proposed new Church Pension Fund to Actuary George A. Huggins, through the office of our Board of Ministerial Relief. All such opinions received were presented to Actuary Huggins and Actuary J. A. Budinger, who, after considering them carefully, made the final draft of the proposed new Church Pension Fund, which was presented to the Representatives of our two Boards in Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 1 and 2, 1938. After a lengthy consideration of the new Church Pension Fund by the Representatives of our two Boards, and after the Representatives amended certain Sections of it, the proposed new Church Pension Fund was finally adopted in the form in which it appears in the minutes of the Conference of the Representatives of our two Boards on February 1 and 2, 1938, which minutes were sent to each member of our two Boards. The new Church Pension Fund, as finally drafted by the Representatives of our two Boards, was adopted by each of the two Boards at their annual meetings in 1938.

THE CHURCH PENSION FUND AND ITS THREE DEPARTMENTS

The Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be presented to the General Synod by the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and by the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod in the form of six overtures, as follows: *One*, Constitutional Requirements of the Fund; *Two*, Three Departments of the Fund; *Three*, Benefits and Restrictions of the Fund; *Four*, Pension and Relief Department; *Five*, Sustentation and Relief Department; and *Six*, Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund. These six overtures will be presented to the General Synod in their entirety in printed form by the two Boards.

Conclusion

The six Conferences of the Representatives of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and the Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod undoubtedly have accomplished much good, and have set in motion forces that will produce more adequate support for our veteran ministers, their widows, and their minor orphans; that will produce a more efficient Ministerial Pension and Relief organization; and that will make the Church more pension-minded, and thereby insure greater co-operation upon the part of our Church members in the most worthy cause of Ministerial Pensions and Relief.

ANNUITANTS AND ANNUITIES

In each of the six Conferences the adequate care of our aged and disabled ministers and the widows and orphan children of our ministers was uppermost in the mind and heart of each conferee. The Conference agreed upon three very important principles: (1) That the annuities of each Group of annuitants shall be as nearly equal as possible; (2) That the money and property of the members of each Pension Fund shall be protected, and that their benefits shall be guaranteed to be paid in accordance with the terms and conditions of each Fund; and (3) That Ministerial Relief shall be granted as heretofore and in the same amounts or in larger amounts than were granted by each of the two Pension Funds.

MEMBERS OF THE NEW BOARD

The Representatives of the two Boards became so well acquainted with each other in their six Conferences, and the Conferences were so harmonious and brotherly, that the final Conferences did not differ in any respect from a regular meeting of either Board. Undoubtedly the members of the two Boards are of one mind.

Moreover, the members of each of the two Boards are very deeply interested in Ministerial Pensions and Relief, have worked hard to give our veteran ministers and their widows more adequate support, and thoroughly understand the work of Ministerial Pensions and Relief in our Church. For this reason it would be a calamity for the General Synod to elect, as members of the new Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, those who are new in the work of Ministerial Pensions and Relief and have a limited knowledge of the actual operation of each of the two existing Boards. Consequently the members of the two existing Boards deem it the part of wisdom for the General Synod to elect the first members of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church out of the membership of the two existing Boards, and to co-opt the remaining members of the two existing Boards as advisory members.

THE FUTURE OF MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF

The Reformed Church and the Evangelical Synod have united in order to create a greater and stronger Church, and to do larger and more efficient work for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. We therefore have a right to expect much from our new Church. We believe that our new Church will give the holy cause of Ministerial Pensions and Relief its rightful place in the program of its Kingdom Work. We have the joyous hope and the strengthened faith, that our new Church will promote the cause of Ministerial Pensions and Relief vigorously and will provide more adequately for our veteran ministers and their widows.

The past of Ministerial Pensions and Relief in our two beloved old Zions is glorious, despite its slow progress; but the future of Ministerial Pensions and Relief in our new Zion will be more glorious. A new and better day of Ministerial Pensions is dawning. We put our trust for a more glorious future for Ministerial Pensions and Relief in our kind heavenly Father, in our brother ministers, and in our fellow-members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. May God richly bless each member of our Church whose heart goes out in love to our ministers, and whose hand helps to supply their needs in the sunset days of their lives of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Nelson Bassler,
President of the Board of Ministerial
Relief of the Reformed Church in the U.S.

Silas P. Bittner,
Chairman of the Board of Pension and
Relief of the Evangelical Synod of N.A.

The Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief made report on Saturday afternoon, through Dr. J. N. LeVan, Chairman. Pending the adoption of this report as a whole, Synod was addressed by Dr. Silas P. Bittner, Chairman of the Board of Pension and Relief; by Dr. William H. Bollman, Vice-President of the Board of Ministerial Relief and Mr. George A. Huggins, the Actuary of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Under Item 10 of the Report, "A Competent Committee on" was stricken out.

The Minnesota District resolution was referred to the Pension Board.

Paragraph 9 was finally deleted, the following paragraphs renumbered and the report finally adopted as a whole, as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

To your Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief were referred the following: The Report of the Board of Ministerial Relief (Reformed); The Report of the Board of Pension and Relief (Evangelical); The Report of the Conferences of the two Boards; The Overtures of the two Boards, printed in the booklet, "Overtures on Ministerial Pensions and Relief; and Overtures from Goshenhoppen Classis and from the Atlantic District respectively. These materials were carefully studied and, upon due deliberation, your Committee recommends the following for your consideration and action. That:

1) The General Synod renders thanks to our heavenly Father for His blessings upon the most worthy cause of Ministerial Pensions and Relief; and expresses its gratitude to our pastors and people for their contributions of prayer, time and money to this Christ-like service of our Church.

2) The General Synod hereby records its appreciation of the work done by the Board of Ministerial Relief and by the Board of Pension and Relief, and commends them for their successful efforts to unify their work under the new Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

3) We commend Rev. J. W. Meminger, D.D., and Prof. J. W. Grosshuesch, Ph.D., both retired from active service, for the distinguished services which they have rendered to the cause of Ministerial Relief in the Reformed Church in the United States; the former having served as Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief for 25 years, the latter for 26 years as the Treasurer of the Society for Relief of the Northwest Synod.

4) Although the proposed Charter of the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church has been carefully drafted, is in legal form, and has been approved by the Committee on Constitution and Charters of the General Synod, the General Synod believes that no action should be taken upon the proposed Charter until the Charter and Constitution of the Church shall be put into operation.

5) That the General Synod endorses, in principle, the program of the Board of Pensions and Relief as outlined in the booklet "Overtures on Ministerial Pensions and Relief" which includes the establishment of

the Ministers Retirement Annuity Fund; and Synod refers the whole program to the districts, synods, and classes for further study, in cooperation with the two existing boards. The results of such further study should be reported to the respective boards not later than December 31, 1939.

6) We recommend that Overtures I, IV and VI, from the booklet "Overtures on Ministerial Pensions and Relief" and referred to your Committee, be adopted by the General Synod, as follows:

I. "That the General Synod shall arrange the nomination and election of the initial members of the Board of Pensions and Relief in such a way that the members of the said Board shall consist of members of the present Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church and of members of the present Board of Pension and Relief of the Evangelical Synod in equal numbers respectively."

IV. "That the General Synod shall request the Board of Pensions and Relief to study carefully the subject of social insurance for lay workers of the Church and the establishment of a Pension Fund by the Church for lay workers, who are not eligible for benefits from the Federal Social Security Act." (Favorable action on this overture is earnestly desired by the Committee on Merger of Women's Organizations.)

VI. "That the General Synod each year shall provide sufficient money to maintain the Pastors' Homes, located at Blue Springs, Missouri, and at Bensenville, Illinois."

We further recommend that no action shall be taken at this meeting of the General Synod on an addition to the form of the "Call of a Minister."

We further recommend that Overture III, in order to conform to the action of the Executive Committee of the General Synod shall be altered to read as follows:

"That the General Synod shall allocate, to the Board of Pensions and Relief, the month of September of each year as the period of special promotion of its work, and that, through the Classes and Districts of our church, and through the new Synods which shall be formed, the General Synod strongly urges every pastor to use this special season to give information on Ministerial Pensions and Relief to his membership."

7) In view of the splendid work accomplished by the "E" Women's Union through its thank offerings for the work of Pensions and Relief in the Evangelical Synod, the General Synod recommends that the work of Pensions and Relief in the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall be made a definite objective in the program of the Women's Guild of the Church.

8) The General Synod commends to the individual members of our Church and to our Church organizations the erection of cottages as memorials at our Pastors' Homes in Bensenville, Illinois, and in Blue Springs, Missouri. The General Synod also recommends the establishment of Pastors' Homes in other sections of our Church, especially by the "R" constituency of our Church.

9. The General Synod authorizes its Board of Pensions and Relief to appoint annually a well qualified informant in each District or Classis of our Church, and in each new Synod that will be formed out of our Classes and Districts, to assist in the work of Ministerial Pensions and Relief.

10) The General Synod approves, in principle, the Overture of Goshenhoppen Classis on the creation of a pension system by the Gen-

eral Synod, and reports to Goshenhoppen Classis that the pension program, presented to this General Synod for its consideration, is in harmony with said overture.

11) That General Synod take no action, on the overture of the Atlantic District asking that overtures be made to the Federal Social Security Board for the covering, by the government Pension Fund, of all employees of the Church, who are not covered by the Pension and Relief program of the Church.

12) That General Synod shall engage in a season of prayer for our veteran ministers and widows and orphans of our ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Bechtold
R. F. Richter
S. L. Flickinger
Herbert Blaufuss
J. N. Olweiler
Ralph S. Weiler
F. W. Klein
Joseph W. Weaver
J. N. LeVan, Chairman

8. Orphans' Homes and Charitable Institutions

REPORT OF THE FEDERATION OF EVANGELICAL CHARITIES

To the General Synod:

On pages 60 and 61 of the 1938 Year Book and Almanac are listed: Nine hospitals which served over 38,000 patients in 1937; ten orphanages which are responsible for over 1,000 children; eleven homes for the aged which are entrusted with the care of almost 500 aged people (the Eden Evangelical Home of San Antonio, Texas, is unintentionally omitted); two homes for epileptic and feeble-minded which provide comfort and care for over 250 unfortunates; and one city mission which ministers to over 2,000 people annually.

These institutions are thankful to the larger Church body for whatever support and thoughtful attention they have received from churches, Sunday-schools and church organizations, as well as from individuals. They ask for and solicit continued and increased support. Since government relief is being more and more curbed and curtailed, it will become necessary again for our churches to remember the institutions of charity more liberally and systematically.

It seems especially appropriate for pastors of churches to bring these houses of mercy to the attention of those who are making plans for their last will and testament. This should prove one source of increased support for the work of the institutions.

If other forms of support are intended, a word of inquiry addressed to any one of these centers of helpfulness will at once point out to the church groups what can be done to contribute to the three outstanding earthly needs—food, clothing, and shelter.

A visit with personal contact and interest will prove beneficial for both the giver and the recipient and carry a special blessing of our Master. This is one form of moral support.

Intercessory prayer before the throne of God for those who are responsible for the management of these institutions, for those who day after day minister and serve, and especially for those who suffer and receive—this constitutes one form of spiritual support.

At the present time these Church institutions are asked to merge their federated organizations so as to fit into the organization of the merged Church. At the call of the Committee on Constitution and

Charter, these representatives met in Chicago on February 22, 1938. A draft of a constitution to fit the federated charities is being submitted to all the autonomous organizations for approval and signature.

The conference of this year is planned to be held in Bensenville, Illinois, August 9 to 11.

A copy of the statistical report of the Secretary, Rev. Theophil Stoerker, is a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Walter Merzdorf, President,
Rev. A. A. Kitterer, Vice-President,
Rev. Theophil Stoerker, Secretary,
Sister Elizabeth Schultz, Treasurer,
Rev. Joseph A. George,
Rev. F. P. Jens,
Rev. A. A. Schoen,
Mr. H. H. Helmich,
Rev. H. J. Damm,
Rev. Paul Gehm,
Rev. A. E. Klick,
Rev. Geo. W. Goebel.

Statistical Report

Institutions	No. Persons Served by In- stitutions Past Fiscal Year	Sisters, Nurses Maids	Value of Property	Indebtedness	Annual Expenses	Cash Donations	Average Cost per Day
<i>Hospitals</i>							
St. Louis, Missouri	5,464	252	\$ 856,373	\$ 330,000	\$ 286,513	\$ 4,392	\$4.97
Evansville, Indiana	4,642	196	344,769	57,862	234,728	4,479	4.75
Faribault, Minnesota	1,454	56	244,560	24,125	60,000	530	3.68
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	4,507	145	487,054	103,500	232,612	2,216	4.74
Chicago, Illinois	8,753	169	700,000	None	251,123	422	3.90
Marshalltown, Iowa	3,279	120	525,000	135,000	139,879	125	3.55
Cleveland, Ohio	3,055	107	413,317	219,100	171,970	1,678	4.38
Detroit, Michigan	4,230	105	1,025,000	395,000	218,236	196	6.00
<i>Homes for Children</i>							
St. Louis, Missouri	154	22	250,000		40,698	34,883	.76
Chicago, Illinois	65	12	850,000	50,000	29,023	11,180	1.00
Hoyleton, Illinois	70	9	65,000		10,647	8,255	.40
<i>Homes for Aged</i>							
St. Louis, Missouri	90	7	260,000		25,000		
Forks, New York	42	6	65,000		12,070	1,667	.85
San Antonio, Texas	24	6	40,500	None	5,302	999	.73
St. Paul, Minnesota	40	7	47,000	10,000	17,946	1,775	1.09
Bellefonte, Illinois	24	4	35,000	None	6,172	51	1.36
Dorseyville, Pa.	14	2	75,000	13,000	6,762	1,805	1.23
San Rafael, California..	37	5	25,000	2,150	9,194	415	1.53
<i>Homes for Aged and Children</i>							
Bensenville, Illinois	115	16	352,722	120,000	42,301	36,800	.90
Detroit, Michigan	175	18	350,000	None	40,000	17,000	
<i>Homes for Epileptic and Feeble-Minded</i>							
Marthasville, Missouri ..	122	9	175,000	None	23,967	3,095	.51
St. Charles, Missouri ..	161	25	215,000	23,000	34,744	5,360	.73
<i>City Mission</i>							
St. Louis, Missouri	2,000	7	25,000		12,402	12,425	
Totals	38,517	1,305	\$7,426,295	\$1,482,737	\$1,911,289	\$149,748	

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORPHANS' HOMES**(Reformed)**

To the General Synod:

As chairman of the Board of Orphans' Homes I offer the following report:

Since the merger of our two denominations will be completed at this session of the General Synod, and since in the merger provision has been made for the unifying and co-operation of all the Benevolent Institutions, as provided in Article Four, Section 116, of the By-Laws, it is recommended that the General Synod void the Charter which established the Board of Orphans' Homes and transfer whatever functions it may have had to the new Commission of Benevolent Institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott R. Wagner, Chairman.

Statistical Report of Benevolent Institutions of the Reformed Church

INSTITUTIONS	Number of Persons served by Institutions past Fiscal Year	Sisters, Nurses and Maids	Value of Property	Indebtedness	Annual Expenses	Cash Donations	Average Cost per Day
HOSPITALS							
Cleveland, Ohio	3164	33	\$230,849.00	None	\$171,534.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 5.62
HOMES FOR CHILDREN							
Fort Wayne, Ind.	103	3	250,000.00	\$ 6,100.00	26,391.56	24,697.00	.70
Rockwell, N. C.	55	2	100,000.00	2,000.00	14,410.20	7,329.13	.71
Greenville, Pa.	116		220,000.00	None	29,500.00	8,530.00	.69
Littlestown, Pa.							
Womelsdorf, Pa.	282	40	448,204.00	None	64,464.21	29,926.47	.62
HOMES FOR AGED							
Hagerstown, Md.	12	2	15,000.00	None	3,624.00	5,600.00	.90
Upper Sandusky, O.	25	4	115,000.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	17,189.03	1.37
Allentown, Pa.	75	20	400,000.00	20,000.00	29,319.00	29,584.00	1.07
Greenville, Pa.	15	21	15,500.00	None	5,300.00	2,302.00	.93
Wyncote, Pa.	23	4	90,000.00	1,200.00	12,611.00	18,644.00	.87

REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OF THE "E" AND "R" GROUPS

To the General Synod:

At the request of the Committee on Constitution and Charter, the representatives of the benevolent institutions of the Church met at the Atlantic Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, February 22, 1938.

The institutions of the "R" group were represented by Dr. Scott R. Wagner, Chairman of the Board of Orphans' Homes, and representative men of the various institutions. The institutions of the "E" group were represented by the members of the Board of the Federation of Evangelical Charities.

Following an informal fellowship luncheon, the meeting was called to order by Dr. William E. Lampe at 1:30 P.M., and organized by the

election of Dr. Lampe as chairman and Rev. Theophil Stoerker as secretary for the meeting.

After a general introductory statement by Dr. Lampe, the group entered upon a discussion of the question: What should be the relationship of all of the benevolent institutions to the Church? Statements were made by Rev. W. Merzdorf, President of the Federation of Evangelical Charities, and by Dr. Scott R. Wagner, Chairman of the Board of Orphans' Homes of the "R" group. The discussion which followed revealed the fact that all of the institutions represented have on their boards a majority of members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and that the membership of many boards consists exclusively of members of the denomination. It was also found that the relationships of some of the institutions to the Church are indefinite, and that the arrangement for the holding of property is not uniform.

The discussion culminated in the following resolutions:

1. That the matter of publishing a pamphlet of information on the institutions be referred to the Commission on Benevolent Institutions.
2. That an outline of a proposed constitution be presented to the Commission on Benevolent Institutions.
3. That Rev. T. Stoerker, Secretary, Dr. Scott R. Wagner, and Rev. W. Merzdorf prepare a report of this meeting for the General Synod.
4. That we request the General Synod to authorize the Commission on Benevolent Institutions to allocate territories for the different benevolent institutions and that in the meantime the present loyalties be continued.
5. That the following eleven Reformed institutions and twenty-three institutions of the Federation of Evangelical Charities be considered charter members of the Commission on Benevolent Institutions:

HOSPITALS

Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.
 Protestant Deaconess Hospital, Evansville, Ind.
 Fairview Park Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio
 St. Lucas Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, Faribault, Minn.
 Evangelical Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
 Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Evangelical Deaconess Home and Hospital, Marshalltown, Iowa
 Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio
 Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

ORPHANAGES

German Protestant Orphans' Home, St. Louis, Mo.
 Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.
 St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Greenville, Pa.
 Uhlich Orphan Home, Chicago, Ill.
 German Protestant Home for Orphans and Old People, Detroit, Mich.
 Fort Wayne Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Evangelical Orphans' Home, Hoyleton, Ill.
 German Evangelical Orphanage and Old People's Home, Bensenville, Ill.
 Nazareth Orphans' Home, Rockwell, N. C.
 George W. and Agnes Hoffman Orphanage, Littlestown, Pa.

HOMES FOR THE AGED

Good Samaritan Altenheim, St. Louis, Mo.
 Evangelical Church Home, Forks, N. Y.
 Eden Evangelical Home, San Antonio, Texas
 Phoebe Home, Allentown, Pa.

Home for the Aged, Upper Sandusky, Ohio
 Evangelical St. Paul's Home, St. Paul, Minn.
 St. Paul's Evangelical Old Folks Home, Belleville, Ill.
 Evangelical Home for the Aged, Dorseyville, Pa.
 St. Paul's Old Folks' Home, Greenville, Pa.
 Reformed Church Home for the Aged, Wyncote, Pa.
 Homewood (Potomac Synod's Old Folks' Home), Hagerstown, Md.
 Evangelical Home, San Rafael, California

HOMES FOR EPILEPTICS AND FEEBLE-MINDED

Emmaus Home, Marthasville, Mo.
 Emmaus Home, St. Charles, Mo.

CITY MISSION

Caroline Mission, St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully submitted,
Theophil Stoerker, Secretary,
Scott R. Wagner, Chairman,
 Board of Orphans' Homes,
F. Merzdorf, President,
 Federation of Evangelical Charities.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOMES AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

This report was made to the General Synod on Tuesday evening by Rev. E. Seybold. In accordance with the request of the Committee, Items 1 and 2 were omitted. Items 3-7 inclusive were adopted. The Secretary was authorized to include statistics of the Benevolent Institutions of the Reformed Church and the report finally adopted as a whole. It reads as follows:—

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your committee submits the following report based upon the subject matter recorded in the Blue Book for the General Synod, dated June 22 to 29, 1938, pages 147, 148, 149 and 150:

We note that upon request of the Committee on Constitution and Charter, the representatives of the Benevolent Institutions of the Church met in session at Chicago, Ill., on February 22, 1938, to discuss the question: "What should be the relationship of all the Benevolent Institutions to the Church?" Out of the discussion we recognize that Rev. T. Stoerker, Dr. Scott Wagner and Rev. W. Merzdorf are to present a report to this session of General Synod, also, that certain requests be granted to the contemplated Commission on Benevolent Institutions.

We, therefore, recommend:

- 1) That the various Benevolent Institutions of the "R" and "E" group continue to hold their relationship to the Church as heretofore until the Commission shall have defined their new relationships.
- 2) That General Synod refer to the General Council the request of the Orphans' Home Board to have its charter made void.
- 3) That General Synod hereby authorize the Commission to allocate the territories for the Benevolent Institutions and that in the meantime their present loyalties be continued.

- 4) That General Synod hereby recognize the 34 Institutions named in the report (page 149, 150) as the charter members of the Commission on Benevolent Institutions.
- 5) That General Synod request the Commission to study the matter of the holding of property of the Institutions and submit a report at the next biennial meeting of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

*Max J. H. Walenta
Arthur P. Schnatz
Perry E. Mowrer
George H. Bartling
Geo. W. Zeigler
E. F. Mayer
John G. Abele
E. Seybold*

9. Nominations

The Committee on Nominations presented partial report at intervals, beginning on Saturday forenoon with the nominations for officers of the General Synod. The report was made by Dr. William F. Kosman, Chairman, as follows:—

1. For the Officers of the General Synod

President—Dr. L. W. Goebel, Chicago, Ill.

1st Vice-President—Dr. George W. Richards, Lancaster, Pa.

2nd Vice-President—Judge D. J. Snyder, Greensburg, Pa.

George W. Hartman, M.D., Harrisburg, Pa.

Secretary—Dr. William E. Lampe, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Dewees F. Singley, Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer—Mr. F. A. Keck, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Edwin Goetsch, St. Louis, Mo.

Vice-President Goebel ruled that delegates could vote for persons other than those named by the Committee by writing such names on the mimeographed ballot. The General Synod voted to amend the report of the Committee by permitting other names to be placed on the ballot. Accordingly Dr. F. A. Goetsch was regularly nominated for the Presidency and the nominations for that office closed. Dr. William F. Kosman was similarly nominated for the office of First Vice-President. Both Dr. Goetsch and Dr. Kosman made urgent request to be permitted to have their names withdrawn from the nominating ticket and the General Synod voted to grant their request. On special motions made at this time (1) a proper financial provision for officers of the General Synod retiring from active service because of age limit was referred to the Special Committee on Salaries and (2) the hour fixed for the election of the officers of Synod in the official program was advanced an hour and fifteen minutes and made the order of the day for 2 p. m. on Saturday afternoon.

The Committee reported further on Monday afternoon through its Chairman. This report was prefaced with an explanatory statement as follows:—

The Committee has worked on the basis of a recorded resolution of the General Synod that present Boards be continued for two years, except where two Boards merge, in which case the Boards in question are to elect the members of the merged Boards. In the case of the Board of Christian Education, it was necessary to reduce the number of members from 36 to 24. The following names were placed in nomination:

2. For the Board of Christian Education

"E" Group—Prof. Allen G. Wehrli, Prof. Th. Mueller, Prof. H. A. Pflug, Ralph Abele, Robert C. Stanger, Charles Ittle, Reinhard Krause, E. W. Berlekamp, Paul Pfeiffer, F. C. Rueggeberg, Mrs. Hildgarde Leonhardt, Mrs. W. A. Bomhard.

"R" Group—Dr. Paul S. Leinbach, Dr. Theodore F. Herman, Dr. Henry I. Stahr, Dr. Alfred N. Sayres, Dr. Paul J. Dundore, Dr. W. Sherman Kerschner, Rev. Richard Rettig, Dr. John W. Myers, Mrs. F. William Leich, Elders Harry E. Hartman, Milton Warner and A. L. Leonard.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary cast the ballot of the General Synod for the members of the Board of Christian Education.

Nominations were then presented, in accordance with the instructions of the General Synod to its Committee on Nominations, as follows:—

3. For Members of the General Council

E-PASTORS (Vote for 4)

Paul M. Schroeder, West N. Y.
Gerhard W. Grauer, S. W. Ohio
Edwin F. Mayer, Mich.-Ind.
Wm. Schlinkmann, S. Wisc.
Paul Press, Mo.
R. F. Richter, W. Mo.
C. Wolff, Texas
Otto Muecke, Minn.

R-PASTORS (Vote for 4)

D. A. Bode, N. Y.
Frank W. Teske, E. Pa.
John Lentz, Phila.
James E. Wagner, Lancaster
Scott R. Wagner, Potomac
George L. Longaker, N. E. Ohio
Edward H. Wessler, N. Wisc.
B. Dienes, Hung.

E-LAYMEN (Vote for 4)

Herbert D. Schaeffer, Pittsburgh
Henry Schlundt, So. Ind.
Wm. Bobsin, No. Ill.
Geo. Schlesinger, So. Ill.
R. Jordan, Iowa
Fred Ress, Nebr.
S. G. Becker, R. Mt.
J. D. Frank, Pac. N.W.
A. Leonhard, Calif.

R-LAYMEN (Vote for 4)

John H. Eisenhauer, Reading
Frank A. Arner, Lehigh
Fred H. Diehl, Susquehanna
Calvin A. Brown, Mercersburg
Marshall Anspach, Central Pa.
Howard R. Omwake, Southern
J. Albert Beam, N. W. Ohio
J. Goodin, E. Ohio
Henry Schempp, Dakota

4. For Representatives to the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America

E-MINISTERS (Vote for 6)

F. C. Klick, Mo.
S. D. Press, Mo.
Paul M. Schroeder, W. N. Y.
L. W. Goebel, N. Ill.
Reinhold Niebuhr, N. Y.
Erwin R. Koch, Minn.

R-MINISTERS (Vote for 6)

W. F. Kosman, Lehigh
Theo. F. Herman, Lancaster
Geo. W. Richards, Lancaster
P. S. Leinbach, Phila.
Nevin Kerst, E. Ohio
Chas. E. Schaeffer, Reading

R. C. Stanger, Mich.-Ind.	Paul R. Pontius, Lehigh
Timothy Lehmann, N. Ill.	J. Friedli, N. Wis.
Paul Pfeiffer, S. W. Ohio	H. I. Stahr, Potomac
F. Frankenfeld, N. Ill.	Wm. E. Lampe, Phila.
Silas P. Bittner, W. Mo.	Chas. E. Creitz, Reading
F. R. Daries, Ind.	Chas. Hoover, Lancaster

5. For the Commission on Higher Education

(Vote for 12)

R-MINISTERS

D. J. Wetzel, Reading
 Titus Alspach, Lancaster
 Josiah L. Levans, Southern
 Harvey A. Fespermann, Southern
 A. M. Billman, Pittsburgh
 A. H. Schmeuszer, S. Ind.
 T. W. Hoernemann, E. Ohio
 John Scheib, N. Wisc.
 Edwin N. Faye, Jr., Phila.
 Willis D. Mathias, Lehigh
 Burt Behrens, Lancaster
 Ben Herbster, S. W. Ohio

E-MINISTERS

Reinhold Niebuhr, N. Y.
 Erwin Koch, Minn.
 Paul Langhorst, W. N. Y.
 Fred Stoerker, W. Mo.

6. Judicial Committee

(Vote for 7)

R-MINISTERS

Oswin Frantz, Lancaster
 Karl Ernst, N. Wis.
 C. F. Heyl, N. E. Ohio
 John H. Rettig, W. N. Y.

E-MINISTERS

H. Richard Niebuhr, N. Y.
 E. C. Grauer, Wisc.
 F. C. Klick, Mo.
 F. A. Meusch, So. Ind.

(Vote for 6)

R-LAYMEN

Gardner A. Sayres, Lancaster
 Warren Binckley, Reading
 Samuel Bashore, Mercersburg

E-LAYMEN

Paul Schulz, Mich.
 Chas. R. Wilke, Nebr.
 Louis Brandt, So. Ind.

7. For the Commission on Christian Social Action

(Vote for 8)

R-MINISTERS

Chas. E. Schaeffer, Reading
 Norman C. Dittes, Mich.
 Charles D. Spotts, Lancaster
 Roland L. Rupp, Lehigh
 John Sommerlatte, N. E. Ohio

E-MINISTERS

Elmer Arndt, Mo.
 Paul Lehmann, N. Ill.
 Otto Press, Mo.
 Ralph Abele, Mo.
 Rodney Heckman, W. N. Y.

R-LAYMEN

Mrs. F. W. Leich, S. W. Ohio
 John Land, Reading

E-LAYMEN

Elmer Windisch, S. W. Ohio
 Carl G. Bosch, W. Mo.

8. For the Commission on Evangelism

(Vote for 3)

R-MINISTERS

L. V. Hetrick, E. Pa.
 Allen S. Meck, Potomac
 Arthur Schnatz, S. W. Ohio

R-LAYMEN (Vote for 3)

David W. Miller, Lehigh
 George W. Hartman, Lancaster
 Fred Stelloh, N. Wisc.

E-MINISTERS

Arnold E. Klick, S. W. Ohio
 F. C. Schweinfurth, Texas
 John Biegeleisen, Mo.

E-LAYMEN (Vote for 3)

Ida Pauley, Mo.
 Wm. H. Brown, W. N. Y.
 John Frohbieter, S. Ind.

9. For the Commission on Benevolent Institutions

(Vote for 4)

R-MINISTERS

(Vote for 1)

J. N. Levan, Lancaster
 Frank H. Rupnow, Mich.-Ind.

R-LAYMEN

(Vote for 1)

Mrs. Chas. Freeman, Phila.
 Walter Meck, Reading

E-MINISTERS

(Vote for 1)

J. Wulmann, Mich.-Ind.
 H. Lambrecht, N. Ill.

E-LAYMEN

(Vote for 1)

L. W. Swanson, Minn.
 F. W. Klein, Mo.

10. For the Board of Directors of the Churchman's Brotherhood

(Vote for 4)

R-MINISTERS

(Vote for 1)

Chas. F. Freeman, Phila.
 Walter C. Pugh, Lancaster

R-LAYMEN

(Vote for 1)

Marshall R. Anspach, C. Pa.
 John C. Truxel, Lancaster

E-MINISTERS

(Vote for 1)

E. A. Piepenbrok, Ind.
 Herbert Brethauer, W. N. Y.

E-LAYMEN

(Vote for 1)

John W. Mueller, Mo.
 A. H. Steinbeck, Mo.

10. Elections**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS**

The Order of the Day on Saturday at 3:15 p. m. was the election of the officers of the General Synod. Dr. E. L. McLean, Chairman of the Committee of Tellers, in due time, announced the election of the following officers of the General Synod:

President, Dr. Louis W. Goebel, 2135 N. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, Ill.

First Vice-President, Dr. Geo. W. Richards, W. James Street and College Avenue, Lancaster, Pa.

Second Vice-President, Judge D. J. Snyder, 29 Division Street, Greensburg, Pa.

Secretary, Dr. William E. Lampe, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer, Mr. F. A. Keck, 1720 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Following this election, President Richards briefly addressed the General Synod in a heart-stirring, unforgettable message as he relinquished his office and handed the President's gavel to Dr. Louis W. Goebel, elected as his successor. For his masterly, courageous leadership, the General Synod gave him its rising vote of appreciation.

Dr. Goebel followed in an eloquent inaugural address, accepting the new responsibility, pledging his sincere devotion to the Church and expressing complete confidence in his associates for the journey forward into the promised land of the united Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The General Synod was further briefly addressed in turn by Vice-President elect, Judge D. J. Snyder, Secretary, Dr. William E. Lampe, Treasurer F. A. Keck, and the General Synod's retiring Stated Clerk, Dr. J. Rauch Stein. Dr. Lampe requested that he be given time until Monday to consider the acceptance of the office of Secretary of the General Synod, which request was granted. Dr. F. C. Klick then offered prayer in behalf of the newly elected officers, and at 4:15 the General Synod adjourned with the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by Dr. Louis W. Goebel.

The General Synod elections were continued and announcements made at suitable times on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the elections for the General Council, the Federal Council of Churches, the Judicial Committee, the Commissions on Evangelism, Christian Social Action, Higher Education, Benevolent Institutions and the Committee on the Churchmen's Brotherhood.

On Monday morning, Dr. Lampe, after a season of continued prayer, expressed his willingness to accept, with confident faith in God and in his associates, the office to which the General Synod had elected him. The General Synod expressed its appreciation by rising in recognition of this favorable decision.

On Tuesday morning, in order to complete the elections, the General Synod adopted a motion to include upon further ballots, the names of only the two candidates having received the highest votes on the preceding ballot that did not eventuate in a majority vote election.

On Tuesday afternoon Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, at the conclusion of a timely and well received address on the immediate program of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America—advised the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church that it was now entitled to nine (9) delegates and the same number of alternates in the denominational representation of the united Church to the Federal Council of Churches. President Goebel stated that the necessary adjustments would be satisfactorily made.

The report was finally completed and adopted as a whole on Wednesday morning, including the necessary corrections in the spelling of names and their listings as ministers and laymembers. This report in its final form, is as follows:—

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Elections makes report of the election of the following Officers, Boards, Councils, Commissions and other agencies by the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Columbus, Ohio, June 23-29, 1938.

Officers of the General Synod

President, Dr. L. W. Goebel; *First Vice-President*, Dr. George W. Richards; *Second Vice-President*, Judge D. J. Snyder; *Secretary*, Dr. William E. Lampe; *Treasurer*, Mr. F. A. Keck.

Members of the General Council

Ministers: Dr. G. W. Grauer, Dr. Paul Press, Dr. D. A. Bode, Dr. Paul M. Schroeder, Dr. John Lentz, Dr. Scott R. Wagner, Rev. James E. Wagner, Rev. Edwin F. Mayer; *Laymen*: Herbert D. Schaeffer, Henry Schlundt, John H. Eisenhauer, Howard R. Omwake, George Schlessinger, Marshall Anspach, Fred H. Diehl, R. Jordan.

Delegates to the Federal Council

Ministers: Dr. L. W. Goebel, Dr. S. D. Press, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Dr. F. C. Klick, Dr. Paul S. Leinbach, Dr. Geo. W. Richards, Dr. William F. Kosman, Dr. William E. Lampe, Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Dr. Theo. F. Herman, Dr. Timothy Lehmann, Dr. F. Frankenfeld.

Members of the Judicial Committee

Ministers: Rev. E. C. Grauer, Dr. Karl Ernst, Dr. Oswin Frantz, Dr. Carl F. Heyl, Dr. F. C. Klick, Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr, Dr. John H. Rettig; *Laymen*: Samuel Bashore, Warren Binckley, Louis Brandt, Gardner A. Sayres, Paul Schulz, Charles R. Wilke.

Commission on Evangelism

Ministers: Rev. Arnold E. Klick, Prof. John Biegeleisen, Dr. Allen R. Meck; *Lay-members*: George W. Hartman, David W. Miller, Mrs. Ida Pauley.

Commission on Christian Social Action

Ministers: Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Prof. Elmer Arndt, Prof. Paul Lehmann, Rev. Otto Press, Rev. Roland L. Rupp, Rev. John Sommerlatte, Rev. Charles D. Spotts; *Lay-woman*: Mrs. F. W. Leich.

Commission on Higher Education

Ministers: Rev. D. J. Wetzel, Dr. Titus Alspach, Rev. A. M. Billman, Dr. Harvey A. Fesperman, Dr. T. W. Hoernemann, Rev. Erwin R. Koch, Rev. Paul Langhorst, Rev. Joshua L. Levens, Rev. Willis D. Mathias, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Rev. A. H. Schmeuszer, Rev. Fred Stoerker.

Commission on Benevolent Institutions

Ministers: Dr. Frank H. Rupnow, Rev. J. Wulffmann; *Laymen*: Walter Meck, L. W. Swanson.

Committee on the Churchmen's Brotherhood

Ministers: Rev. Charles F. Freeman, Rev. E. A. Piepenbrok; *Laymen*: Marshall R. Anspach, John W. Mueller.

Members of the Board of Christian Education

Ministers: Rev. Ralph C. Abele, Rev. E. W. Berlekamp; Dr. Paul J. Dundore, Dr. Theo. F. Herman, Rev. Chas. A. Ittel, Rev. Reinhard Krause, Dr. W. Sherman Kerschner, Dr. Paul S. Leinbach, Prof. Th. Mueller, Rev. Paul Pfeiffer, Prof. H. A. Pflug, Rev. Richard Rettig, Dr. Alfred N. Sayres, Dr. Henry I. Stahr, Rev. Robert C. Stanger, Prof. Allen G. Wehrli; *Lay-members:* Mrs. W. A. Bomhard, Harry E. Hartman, Mrs. F. W. Leich, Mrs. Hildegard Leonhardt, A. L. Leonard, Dr. John W. Meyers, F. C. Rueggeberg, Milton Warner.

Respectfully submitted,

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11. Report of the Committee on Book of Worship

Dr. H. J. Schick, Vice-Chairman, made report on Monday. It was forthwith adopted, and is as follows:

REVISED REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOOK OF WORSHIP

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The Committee on Book of Worship met during the last biennium in Chicago, September 2, 1936; in Cleveland, September 22, 1937; and again in Cleveland, February 17, 1938; in addition there were a number of meetings of sub-committees.

On February 17 a joint meeting was held with the Hymnal Committee. It was decided that the Responsive Readings be prepared by the Hymnal Committee.

At the last meeting at Cleveland it was unanimously agreed that "The Evening Service" in the Order of Worship of the Reformed Church should be used as a basis for the evening order of worship.

The following forms have been prepared and are submitted in this separate pamphlet for your consideration and approval:

1. The Order of Worship
2. A Brief Order of Worship
3. The Order for Holy Communion
4. An Alternate Order for Holy Communion
5. Order for the Burial of the Dead
6. The Burial of a Child
7. The Order for Marriage
8. Vows for the Ordination of a Minister
9. Vows for Reception of Licentiates
10. Vows for Inauguration of a Teacher of Theology

The Committee proposes:

(1) That these forms and such additional ones as the Committee may be able to prepare in the meantime be printed as a pamphlet within the next few months and circulated for provisional use during the coming biennium:

(2) That criticisms of the forms and suggestions be sent to the Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Paul R. Pontius, Lehighton, Pa.;

(3) That in the light of these criticisms a final report be submitted to the next General Synod for approval;

(4) That after the present Committee has completed its work a permanent Committee on Worship be appointed. Most of its work can be done by correspondence. Thus, it is the hope of the Committee that the forms for the various liturgical acts will not only be enriched but new forms will be produced and preserved in the Book of Worship.

Respectfully submitted,

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12. Report of the Committee on New Hymnal

This Committee made report on Monday morning through Dr. J. P. Meyer, Chairman. It was discussed by Drs. W. Sherman Kerschner and Erwin R. Koch; an illustrative and well-received demonstration of its proposed contents was given. Further consideration was postponed until the afternoon session. The report was then adopted and the Committee continued with instruction to submit a tentative Hymnal to the General Synod in 1940. The adopted report is as follows:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Greetings!

The General Synod of 1934 empowered the Executive Committee to initiate steps leading to the preparation of a new hymnal for the united Church. Subsequently the Executive Committee appointed the New Hymnal Committee, constituted of the following persons: Rev. J. P. Meyer, D.D. (Chairman), Rev. W. Sherman Kerschner, D.D. (Secretary), Mr. Richard G. Appel, Rev. Edward O. Butkowsky, Rev. Armin Haeussler, Rev. Erwin R. Koch, Mrs. Theodore Mayer, and Rev. Henry I. Stahr, D.D., LL.D.

A preliminary report, outlining the basic principles of procedure, was submitted to the General Synod of 1936, which adopted the report and instructed the Committee to continue its work and to submit to the General Synod of 1938 a tentative hymnal. That was a large order, requiring intensive work and extensive research. Little time was lost in effecting an adequate organization and in determining the scope and character of required action. And thus the Committee is able to report

at this time that a tentative prospectus of the proposed new hymnal may now be submitted for action by the General Synod.

After the first meeting, held at Philadelphia, Pa., February 18-19, 1936, the Committee met subsequently at six different times, in each instance, save one, for periods of four days, for a total of twenty-five full days. Work was usually begun at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and with the exception of the necessary noon and evening recesses for meals, was continued at least till 10:00 o'clock at night and not infrequently even later. The total number of hours spent in behalf of this work by the members of the Committee in their respective homes cannot be estimated, but the time devoted to the work has been extensive. The total expense of this work, including travel and entertainment of Committee members and cost of hymnals and office outlays, is still under the \$2,000.00 mark, a remarkable achievement of economy with reference to the magnitude of the work already done.

In regard to a general objective we reiterate our statement of two years ago: "The hymns in the new book must represent the best in point of text and singable melodies that can be obtained, and there *must* be included a generous number of hymns that express the spirit of an age which is becoming increasingly sensitive to the applied meaning of righteousness and justice in all social relationships, and of love and brotherhood as the genius of Christian forces everywhere to win men for the kingdom and to conquer the world for Christ; and further, that the new hymnal must be more than a book of hymns, it must be a book of worship for the congregation and the man in the pew."

A thorough and comparative study, in quest of the best obtainable hymns, has been made of scores of hymnals, including the following: Reformed, Evangelical, Pilgrim, English Oxford, Presbyterian, American Oxford, Yale-Princeton, Methodist, Beacon, Praise and Service, Episcopalian, Century, United Lutheran, Baptist, Augustana, Elmhurst, Harvard University, Service, Interchurch, English, American Student, American, Abingdon, King's Chapel, New Hymnal for American Youth, Hymns of the United Church, Hymns of the Kingdom, Hymns of the Christian Life, Hymns for the Living, Songs of Praise, Church of England in Canada, Canadian Hymnary, Moravian Hymnal, Hymns of the Spirit, New Church Hymnary (New Scottish), Hymns of the Widening Kingdom, Social Hymns (Labor temple), Songs of Syon, and the latest, the New Church Hymnal. In addition there was extensive searching in the field of German chorals. Diligent search was made for several outstanding Hungarian hymns. And finally, a great mass of manuscripts and new material received studious consideration. Needless to say, the section for chants and responses will be well covered. A prospectus of this section, however, is not yet available.

The worship aspect of the new hymnal, apart from the liturgical materials being prepared by the Committee on Book of Worship, became the object of far-reaching discussion and diversified study. Valuable suggestions and help have been tendered by groups from Eden Theological Seminary, Lancaster Theological Seminary, the Book of Worship Committee, and interested local groups, particularly in the Reformed Church. It is the aim of the New Hymnal Committee to supply everything that is essential and that will in most instances be put to use, but also to avoid pyramiding of material that would tend to make the hymnal cumbersome and bulky. An outline of proposed worship material to be included in the hymnal is appended in the prospectus.

It is proposed to furnish a hymnal of approximately 500 hymns, including a special section of "Gospel Songs," at a price as low as charged for the best today. There are such who would omit from the hymnal all so-called "Gospel Songs," but the Committee is of the opinion that this

type of hymn, though not equal to the best in the field of hymnody, has its uses and in not a few instances is traditionally established. The attitude of the Committee with reference to "Gospel Songs" is similar to Luther's attitude with reference to the Apocrypha—"not of equal value with the canonical books, but edifying in their content." Consequently from 25 to 30 such songs will be included.

The words of hymns will appear between the staves, a form adopted in most of the latest hymnals. If there are more than four stanzas in a hymn the additional stanzas will appear at the foot of the page.

Particular attention will be given to indexing the new hymnal. Neither time nor effort nor space will be conserved to make this department of the hymnal as comprehensive and as practical as possible.

Though the text of hymns should be the primary consideration, the choice of substantial and singable tunes is scarcely less important. It is apparent that the best hymn might soon come into disuse, if the musical setting fails to express adequately the textual objective or if the music is lacking in appeal and singableness. Consequently your Committee has endeavored to preserve the best tunes that are traditional to our Church, and in addition has diligently sought a generous number of new tunes, not hitherto published in either the Reformed or the Evangelical Hymnal, some of which have already found their way into the best extant hymn books. The following list is an indication of the Committee's trend:

- LASSET UNS ERFREUEN (1623) to
 "All Creatures of Our God and King"
 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"
- HYMN TO JOY (Beethoven, 1826) to
 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
- PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (Praetorius 1571-1621) to
 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"
- DIE GUELDENE SONNE (Only English version in American Oxford) to
 "Evening and Morning"
- TALLIS CANON (One of the most famous tunes in hymnody, 1520-1585) to
 "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"
- YIGDAL (LEONI)—Hebrew melody of the 14th Century—to
 "The God of Abraham Praise"
- IN BABILONE (Traditional Dutch melody) to
 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
 "We Are Living, We Are Dwelling"
- CWM RHONNDA (Welsh hymn melody) to
 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
- DIVINUM MYSTERIUM (from "Piae Cantiones," 1582)
 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"
- KOMMET IHR HIRTEN (Old Bohemian folk tune) to
 "Come, All Ye Shepherds"
- ANCIENT CROATIAN CAROL (14th Century) to
 "Hark, the Angel Voices Singing"
- PALMGREN ("The Golden Sun Was Sinking") to
 "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"
- HEREFORD to
 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"

- TON-Y-BOTEL (Welsh Melody) to
"Once to Every Man and Nation"
- BLAENHAFREN (Traditional Welsh Melody) to
"We Are Living, We Are Dwelling"
- JESU, MEINE FREUDE to
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"
- HYFRYDOL to
"Not Alone for Mighty Empire"
- O FILII ET FILIAE to
"O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing"
- FINLANDIA (Sibelius) to
"We Would Be Building"—Purd Deitz
"Be Still, My Soul, the Lord Is on Thy Side"
- FOREST GREEN (English traditional folk song) to
"Behold a Sower from Afar"
"The Summer Days Are Come Again"
- FINNISH MARCH (1608-1648) to
"Lift High the Triumph Song Today"

Appended to this report is the PROSPECTUS of hymns tentatively adopted for inclusion in the new hymnal. Approximately 640 hymns which have remained after several winnowings appear on this list. First lines only, alphabetically arranged, are given. Close to 150 of these will need to be eliminated in order to bring the total within determined limits.

If the Committee on New Hymnal is empowered by this General Synod to proceed with the work of producing a new hymnal, the Committee proposes to have its entire work, both textually and musically, carefully edited by one or two recognized authorities in this field, before releasing its work for publication.

In the beginning of its work your Committee was approached by a special committee of the Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the thought that eventually, perhaps, an abridged edition of the new hymnal might be published for use in the Sunday schools and young people's organizations. The thought undoubtedly has merit, for there is value in unification of songs used by varying constituent groups of the same congregation: it would tend to eliminate to a great extent the feeling of "difference" between church and Sunday school.

Your Committee has received direct and also has had referred to it by the Executive Committee overtures from several groups, submitting that the General Synod declare in favor of the adoption of the Presbyterian Hymnal as the official hymnal of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Committee has done nothing concerning these overtures except to acknowledge their receipt, since the action suggested is clearly outside the province of jurisdiction of the Committee which has been assigned only the task of preparing the new hymnal for the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Action in this instance rests with the General Synod itself. In discussing this related phase, however, it should be borne in mind that our Church, in both of its branches, has a fine and historic tradition in the attention accorded the German choral. How valuable this contribution to American hymnody may become is already indicated in the growing number of chorals embodied in the latest and best hymnals. We concede the value of unification in this sphere, but no hymnal of today represents the results of final unification. According to hymnic authorities no existent hymnal is ecumenical enough to serve all denominations equally well. But perhaps the objective to enrich the

church music of America in most denominations by the increasing use of the German choral has already been reached and achieved. If so, there would be no noticeable loss to any denomination, should the near future produce a unified hymnal for general use in American Protestantism. And if we feel that we have offered to others all and the best that we have, then the overtures in question without doubt advance an argument of merit.

The price of the new hymnal should be as reasonable as possible, so as to bring it within the reach of all. In any event, however, the price should be such that our own hymnal will not be at a disadvantage with others in the competitive market.

Quite a few suggestions have come to the Committee with reference to the publication of the new hymnal. Since the publication of a hymnal is a specialty, scarcely belonging into the category of average church publications, it is needless to emphasize the importance of generally competent and commercially disinterested supervision. The placement of responsibility in this instance should be carefully weighed.

Consideration should also be given as to how the new hymnal should be introduced into the churches so as to create sentiment in its favor. Practical ways and means should be devised by which the book may become its own best salesman.

As chairman of the New Hymnal Committee I feel that before closing I should make merited mention of the fine manner in which the members of the Committee have cooperated to make possible at this early date the presentation of a complete prospectus. Every one has worked with purposeful understanding and indefatigable zeal, notably so the secretary whose labors have bordered on the prodigious. The work of the Committee is presented with the hope that the General Synod may find the work acceptable and comporting with previously cherished expectations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Meyer, Chairman.

LIST OF TENTATIVE HYMNS OF THE NEW HYMNAL

Evangelical and Reformed Church

(First lines, alphabetically arranged)

A

A Charge to Keep I Have
A Fitting Spoken Word
A Little Child the Saviour Came
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
A Noble Life, a Simple Faith
A Parting Hymn We Sing
A Pilgrim and a Stranger
Abide with Me
Abide with Us Our Saviour
According to Thy Gracious Word
Across the Sky
Ah, Dearest Jesus
Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed
Alleluia, Fairest Morning
Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices
 Raise
All Beautiful the March of Days
All Creatures of Our God and King
All Glory Be to God
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
All Labor Gained New Dignity
All My Heart This Day Rejoices
All Nature Works His Praise Declare
All People of the Earth

All People that on Earth Do Dwell
All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night
All Things Are Thine: No Gift Have We
Almighty Father, Who Dost Give
Almighty God, Beneath Whose Eyes
Almighty Lord, with One Accord
Am I a Soldier of the Cross?
Angels from the Realms of Glory
Angel Voices Ever Singing
And Now, O Father
Another Year Is Dawning
"Are Ye Able," said the Master
Arise, O Christian Soldiers
Arise, the Kingdom Is at Hand
Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Languid?
As Fades the Daylight Splendor
As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams
As the Sun Doth Daily Rise
As with Gladness Men of Old
Assailed by Battle Hosts of Wrong
At Even When the Sun Was Set
At Length There Dawns the Glorious
 Day
At the Name of Jesus
At Thy Feet Our God and Father
Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve
Away in a Manger

B

Be Known to Us
 "Be of Good Cheer," the Master Said
 Be Still, My Soul, the Lord Is on Thy
 Side
 Be Strong! We Are Not Here to Play
 Be Thou My Vision
 Beauty Around Us
 Because I Have Been Given Much
 Before Jehovah's Awful Throne
 Before the Cross Our Lives Are Judged
 Behold a Branch Is Growing
 (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming)
 Behold, a Sower from Afar
 Behold the Lamb of God
 Behold Us Lord, a Little Space
 Behold, We Come, Dear Lord, To Thee
 Behold, What Wondrous Grace
 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word
 Blessed Master, I Have Promised
 Blessing and Honor
 Blest Are the Pure in Heart
 Blest Be the Tie that Binds
 Blest Is the Man Whose Softening Heart
 Book of Books, Our People's Strength
 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken
 Break Thou the Bread of Life
 Brightest and Best of the Sons
 Bring O Morn Thy Music

C

Calm on the Listening Ear of Night
 Cast Thy Burden on the Lord
 Children of the Heavenly King
 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
 Christ Is Our Cornerstone
 Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!
 Christ, of the Upward Way
 Christ, the Life of All the Living
 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
 Christian, Dost Thou See Them?
 Christian Rise, and Act Thy Creed
 City of God, How Broad and Far
 Come, All Ye Shepherds
 Come Christians, Join to Sing
 Come Gather Round the Christmas Tree
 Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire
 Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls
 Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit
 Come, O Thou God of Grace
 Come, Peace of God, and Dwell Again
 Come, See the Place Where Jesus Lay
 Come Thou Almighty King
 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
 Come to the Saviour Now
 Come Unto Me, Ye Weary
 Come We Who Love the Lord
 Come Ye Disconsolate
 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
 Commit Thou All Thy Griefs
 Creation's Lord, We Give Thee Thanks
 Crown Him with Many Crowns

D

Day Is Dying in the West
 Day-Spring of Eternity
 Dear Father, to Thy Mercy Seat
 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
 Dear Lord, We Give Our Youth to Thee
 Dear Shepherd of Thy People, Hear
 Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness
 Depth of Mercy, Can There Be
 Does Thy Soul Leap Up within Thee?
 Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ
 Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit

E

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
 Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds
 Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round
 Eternal Source of Every Joy
 Evening and Morning

F

Fairest Lord Jesus
 Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still
 Father Again, in Jesus' Name
 Father Almighty, Bless Us with Thy
 Blessing
 Father, Eternal, Ruler of Creation
 Father, Lead Me Day by Day
 Father Let Me Dedicate
 Father of All, from Land and Sea
 Father of Eternal Grace
 Father of Heaven, Who Hast Created All
 Father of Heaven, Whose Love Is Pro-
 found
 Father Who Art Alone Our Helper
 Father Who on Man dost Shower
 Father, We Praise Thee
 Fight the Good Fight with All Thy
 Might
 Fling Out the Banner! Let It Float
 For All the Blessings of the Year
 For All the Saints Who from Their La-
 bors Rest
 For the Beauty of the Earth
 For the Bread Which Thou Hast Broken
 For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace
 Forget Them Not, O Christ, Who Stand
 Forgive, O Lord
 Forty Days and Forty Nights
 Forward Be Our Watchword
 Friend of the Home
 From All the Dark Places
 From Every Clime and Country
 From Greenland's Icy Mountains
 From Heaven Above
 From Lands Beyond the Waters Wide
 From North and South and East and
 West
 From Thee All Skill and Science Flow

G

Gather Us In, Thou Love that Fillest All
 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
 Glory Be to God on High
 Glory Be to God the Father
 Go to Dark Gethsemane
 Go, Heralds of Salvation, Forth
 God Bless Our Native Land
 God Calling Yet
 God Is in His Holy Temple
 God Is Love, His Mercy Brightens
 God Is Not Far from Any One of Us
 God Moves in a Mysterious Way
 God of Earth, the Sky, the Sea
 God of Grace and God of Glory
 God of Might
 God of Our Father, Whose Almighty
 Hand
 God of Our Fathers, Known of Old
 God of Our Youth, to Whom We Yield
 God of Pity, God of Grace
 God of the Nations Near and Far
 God of the Prophets! Bless the Prophets'
 Sons
 God of the Waving Field
 God Reveals His Presence
 God Save America, New World of Glory
 God the Omnipotent
 God Who Madest Earth and Heaven
 Good Christian Men Rejoice
 Gracious Saviour, Who Didst Honor
 Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Great God, We Sing that Mighty Hand
Great God of Nations, Now to Thee
Great God, Who Knowest Each Man's
Need
Great Is the Lord Our God
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

H

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Hail! Thou Once Despised Jesus
Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad
Morning
Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Hark the Angel Voices Singing
Hark the Glad Sound
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying
Heaven and Earth and Sea and Air
Heavenly Father, I Would Pray
Heavenward Still Our Pathway Tends
Heralds of Christ, Who Bear the King's
Commands

Here at Thy Table Lord
His Was No Regal Splendor
Holy Bible, Book Divine
Holy Ghost, the Infinite
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Holy Lord, Holy Lord
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, the Little Chil-
dren Sing
How Firm a Foundation!
How Glorious Zion's Courts
How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
How Lovely Shines the Morning Star
How Sweet, How Heavenly Is the Sight
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

I

I Am Thine, O Lord
I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus
I Bow My Forehead to the Dust
I Cannot Tell Why He Whom Angels
Worship
I Do Not Ask, O Lord
I Have a Friend So Precious
I Hear Thy Voice within the Silence
I Know in Whom I Put My Trust
I Know Not How that Bethlehem's Babe
I Look to Thee in Every Need
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
I Now Have Found a Hope in Heaven
I Sing the Praise of Love Unbounded
I Sought the Lord
I Thank Thee Lord for Strength of Arm
I Think When I Read that Sweet Story
I Will Ever Sing Thy Praises
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
Immortal Love, Forever Full
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
In Christ There Is No East or West
In Heavenly Love Abiding
In Memory of the Saviour's Love
In Our Work and in Our Play
In the Cross of Christ I Glory
In the Hour of Trial
In the Lonely Midnight
In the Name Which Earth and Heaven
It Is Finished
It Singeth Low in Every Heart

J

Jehovah, Jehovah
Jerusalem, the Golden
Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Jesus, From Thy Throne on High

Jesus, I Live to Thee
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
Jesus Lives and So Shall I
Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves Me
Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All
Jesus, Priceless Treasure
Jesus Still Lead On
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Jesus, Thou Divine Companion
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
Jesus, to Thy Table Led
Jesus We Are Far Away
Jesus with Thy Church Abide
Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor
Just As I Am Thine Own to Be
Just As I Am without One Plea

K

Kindly Spring Again Is Here
King of the City Splendid

L

Lead Kindly Light
Lead On, O King Eternal
Lead Us Heavenly Father
Let the Words of My Mouth
Let There Be Light, Lord God of Hosts
Let Us Brothers, Let Us Gladly
Let Us with a Gladsome Mind
Life of Ages, Richly Poured
Lift High the Triumph Song Today
Lift Up Our Hearts, O King of Kings
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates of Brass
Light of Light, Enlighten Me
Light of the World, We Hail Thee
Live and Let Live
Lo, in the Wilderness a Voice
Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious
Lord, As to Thy Dear Cross We Flee
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Lord, from Whose Hand We Take Our
Charge
Lord God of Hosts, How Lovely
Lord God of Hosts, Whose Purpose
Lord God, the Holy Ghost
Lord God We Worship Thee
Lord, I Would Praise Thee
Lord, in the Morning, Thou Shalt Hear
Lord of All Being, Throned Afar
Lord of All Power and Might
Lord of Hosts, to Thee We Raise
Lord of Life and King of Glory
Lord of Life Who Once Was Cradled
Lord of Light, Whose Name Outshineth
Lord of Our Life
Lord of the Living Harvest
Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak
Lord, Thou Lovest the Cheerful Giver
Lord, Thy Mercy New Entreating
Lord, We Come with Hearts Aflame
Lord, When Thy Kingdom Comes, Re-
member Me
Lord, When We Bend Before Thy Throne
Lord, Who Ordainest for Mankind
Lord, Who Shall Come to Thee?
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Love Has No Term of Labor Set

M

Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned
Make Me a Captive, Lord
Man of Sorrows, Now My Soul
Man, Whose Boast It Is that Ye
March On, O Soul, with Strength

Master, No Offering Costly and Sweet
 May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour
 'Mid All the Traffic of the Ways
 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
 More Than All, One Thing
 My Country, 'Tis of Thee
 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
 My Father, for Another Night
 My Jesus, as Thou Wilt
 My Lord, I Do Not Ask to Stand
 My Soul, Be on Thy Guard
 My Spirit in Thy Care

N

Near the Cross Her Vigil Keeping
 Nearer, My God to Thee
 No Form of Human Framing
 Not Alone for Mighty Empire
 Not Worthy to Gather Up the Crumbs
 Now All Is Still
 Now God Be with Us, for the Night
 Now in the Days of Youth
 Now Once Again for Help that Never
 Faleth
 Now Thank We All our God
 Now the Day Is Over
 Now the Light Has Gone Away

O

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
 O Beautiful My Country
 O Bless the Lord, My Soul
 O Blessed Day of Motherhood
 O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart Thy
 Brother
 O Child of Lowly Manger Birth
 O Christ the Way, the Truth, the Life
 O City Fair, Jerusalem on High
 O Come, All Ye Faithful
 O Come and Mourn
 O Come, Let Us Sing
 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 O Day of Rest and Gladness
 O Father, Thou Whuo Givest All
 O For a Closer Walk with God
 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
 O God above the Drifting Years
 O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand
 O God, Hear Thou the Nation's Prayer
 O God, in Whom We Live and Move
 O God, Not Only in Distress
 O God of Earth and Altar
 O God of Love, O King of Peace
 O God of Mercy, Harken Now
 O God of Nations, God of Men
 O God of Truth, Whose Living Word
 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
 O God Unseen, Yet Ever Near
 O God, Whose Law from Age to Age
 O God, Whose Love Is Over All
 O Gracious God, Whose Constant Care
 O Gracious Father of Mankind
 O Grant Us Light
 O Great Lord Christ, My Saviour
 O Happy Home, Where Thou Art Loved
 the Dearest
 O Holy City, Seen of John
 O Holy Spirit Enter In
 O How Shall I Receive Thee
 O Jesus, I Have Promised
 O Jesus, Thou Art Standing
 O Jesus, We Adore Thee
 O Light Whose Beams Illumine Me
 O Little Town of Bethlehem
 O Living Christ, Chief Cornerstone
 O Lord of Heaven
 O Lord of Hosts, Whose Glory Fills
 O Lord, Turn Not Thy Face Away
 O Love of God Most Full

O Love that Casts Out Fear
 O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go
 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
 O Master of the Waking World
 O Master When Thou Callest
 O Master Workman of the Race
 O Mother Dear, Jerusalem
 O My Soul, Bless God the Father
 O One with God the Father
 O Perfect Love, All Human Thought
 Transcending
 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
 O Son of Man, Thou Madest Known
 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!
 O Spirit of the Living God
 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
 O That I Had a Thousand Voices
 O the Bitter Shame
 O Thou Great Friend to All the Sons of
 Men
 O Thou Joyful Christmas-Tide
 O Thou Through Suffering Perfect Made
 O Thou Who Makest Souls to Shine
 O Thou Whose Feet Have Climbed
 Life's Hill
 O Thou, Whose Gracious Presence Blest
 O Thou, Whose Hand Has Brought Us
 O Where Are Kings and Empires Now?
 O Wonderful for Faith Inspired
 O Word of God Incarnate
 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above
 O Worship the Lord
 O Youth and Fearless Prophet
 O Zion Haste
 O'er the Distant Mountain
 Of the Father's Love Begotten
 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
 On This Glad Day We Dedicate
 On This Stone Now Laid with Prayer
 Once to Every Man and Nation
 One Holy Church of God Appears
 One Sweetly Solemn Thought
 One Thing Needful, Greatest Blessing
 Onward, Christian Soldiers
 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
 Our Country's Voice Is Pleading
 Our Father, By Whose Servants
 Our Father's God, from Out Whose Hand
 Our Father's God, to Thee We Raise
 Our God to Whom We Turn
 Our Heavenly Father Calls
 Our Fathers in the Olden Days
 Out of the Depths

P

Peace, Perfect Peace, in This Dark
 World of Sin
 Pour Out Thy Spirit from on High
 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
 Praise, O Praise Our God and King
 Praise the Lord, the Almighty
 Praise Thou the Lord
 Praise to God and Thanks We Bring
 Praise to God, Immortal Praise
 Prophets, Teachers, True Recorders

R

Rejoice, All Ye Believers
 Rejoice, the Lord Is King
 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
 Rise Up, O Men of God!
 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

S

Safely Through Another Week
 Saints of God, the Dawn Is Brightening
 Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We
 Raise

Saviour, Breathe an Evening Blessing
 Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
 Saviour Teach Me Day by Day
 Saviour, When in Dust to Thee
 Shepherd of Tender Youth
 Silent Night, Holy Night
 Sing, My Soul
 Sing to the Great Jehovah's Praise
 Sing with All the Sons of Glory
 Softly Now the Light of Day
 Soldiers of Christ, Arise
 Soon, Soon and Forever Our Union Shall
 Be
 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
 Stand Up for Jesus
 Still by Constant Love Surrounded
 Still, Still with Thee
 Strong Son of God
 Summer Suns Are Glowing
 Sun of My Soul, Thou Saviour Dear
 Sunset and Evening Star
 Sweet the Moments Rich in Blessing

T

Take Heart, O Weary Nations
 Take My Life and Let It Be
 Take Thou My Hand
 Take Thou Our Minds
 Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way
 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
 Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand
 The Beauteous Day Now Closes
 The Body, Lord, Is Ours to Keep
 The Church of God is Stablished
 The Church's One Foundation
 The Corn Is Ripe for Reaping
 The Crest and Crowning of All Good
 The Day of Resurrection
 The First Noel
 The God of Abraham Praise
 The God of Harvest Praise
 The Heavens Declare Thy Glory
 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
 The King Shall Come When Morning
 Dawns
 The Light of God is Falling
 The Lord Be with Us as We Bend
 The Lord Is Come on Syrian Soil
 The Lord My Shepherd Is
 The Lord of Life Is Risen
 The Morning Light Is Breaking
 The Prince of Peace His Banner Spreads
 The Royal Banners Go
 The Son of God Goes Forth to War
 The Son of Man Goes Forth Today
 The Spacious Firmament on High
 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won
 The Summer Days Are Come Again
 The Sun Is on the Land and Sea
 The Voice of God Is Calling
 The Wise May Bring Their Learning
 The Work Is Thine, O Lord
 The World's Astir, the Clouds of Storm
 There Is a Green Hill Far Away
 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying
 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
 These Things Shall Be a Loftier Race
 They Who Seek the Throne of Grace
 Thine Forever, God of Love
 Thine Is the Power, Lord
 This Day in Thy Dear Name We Meet
 This Is My Body
 This Is My Father's World
 This Is the Day of Light
 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made
 Those Who Love and Those Who Labor
 Thou Art, O God, the God of Might
 Thou, by Heavenly Hosts Adored

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
 Thou Didst Teach the Thronging People
 Thou Hidden Love of God
 Thou Lord of Life, Thy Saving Health
 Thou Lord of Light Across the Years
 Thou Whose Almighty Word
 Through the Night of Doubt and Sor-
 rows
 Thy Blessing, O Lord
 Thy Grace Impart in Time to Be
 Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord
 'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow
 To Thee, O Lord, Our Hearts We Raise
 To Thine Eternal Arms
 Today Beneath Benignant Skies
 Turn Back, O Man, Forswear
 'Twas on that Night

V

Vouchsafe, O Lord, Thy Presence Now

W

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night
 We Are Living, We Are Dwelling
 We Bear the Strain of Earthly Care
 We Cannot Think of Them as Dead
 We Come Unto Our Father's God
 We Know the Paths Wherein Our Feet
 Should Press
 We Love the Place, O God
 We Plough the Fields and Scatter
 We Praise Thee, God, for Harvest
 Earned
 We Praise Thee, O God, Our Lord and
 Our King
 We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer,
 Creator
 We Thank Thee, Lord, Thy Paths of
 Service Lead
 We Three Kings of Orient Are
 We Would Be Building
 We Would See Jesus, for the Shadows
 Lengthen
 Weary of Earth
 Welcome, Day of the Lord
 When All Thy Mercies
 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 When Morning Gilds the Skies
 When My Love to God Grows Weak
 When on My Day of Life
 When the Day of Toil Is Done
 When the Golden Evening Gathered
 When the Sun Had Sunk to Rest
 When the Waves of Trouble Round Me
 Swell
 When the Weary Seeking Rest
 When Wilt Thou Save Thy People?
 When Thy Heart with Joy O'erflowing
 Wherefore, O Father, We Try Servants
 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
 With Happy Voices Ringing
 Within the Father's House
 Who Is on the Lord's Side?
 Who Puts His Trust in God Most Just
 Who Knows How Near My End May Be

Y

Ye Men of Christ, Awake!
 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Pro-
 claim
 Ye Servants of the Lord
 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
 Yielded to God
 You Whose Hearts Possess a Dream

Z

Zion at Thy Shining Gates

Gospel Songs

Blessed Assurance
 Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy
 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 Even Me
 From All Dark Places
 God Will Take Care of You
 Have Thine Own Way
 He Leadeth Me
 I Am a Stranger Here
 I Am Thine, O Lord
 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 I Love to Tell the Story
 I Need Thee Every Hour
 I've Found a Friend
 Jesus Is All the World to Me
 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
 Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me
 Lord, I Hear of Showers of Blessing
 More Love to Thee, O Christ

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?
 My Jesus, I Love Thee
 O Happy Day that Fixed My Choice
 Open Mine Eyes
 Out of My Bondage
 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour
 Rescue the Perishing
 Saviour, Thy Dying Love
 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
 Sweet Hour of Prayer
 Take Time to Be Holy
 Tell Me the Old, Old Story
 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
 There Is a Green Hill Far Away
 Wait on God and Trust Him
 Wandering Child, the Door Is Open
 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 Work for the Night Is Coming
 Yield Not to Temptation

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On Monday afternoon the discussion of the foregoing report was continued by Dr. Henry I. Stahr. Dr. G. W. Grauer then submitted a series of five resolutions which were carefully considered and finally adopted as follows:

Resolved:—

1. That the General Synod approve the work of the Committee on New Hymnal and authorize the Committee to proceed with the work of compilation towards the earliest possible completion.
2. That the General Synod authorize the Committee to publish as soon as feasible, through the columns of the Evangelical and Reformed Messenger, a complete prospectus of the New Hymnal.
3. That the General Synod authorize the General Council to provide for the Committee on New Hymnal a sufficient amount of money to assure expert editing of the New Hymnal prior to publication.
4. That the General Synod authorize the General Council to publish the New Hymnal with the collaboration of the Committee on New Hymnal as soon as the Committee shall have completed the compilation.
5. That the General Synod give thought and consideration to the ultimate promotion of the New Hymnal and devise ways and means by which the New Hymnal may be effectually introduced in our congregations.

13. Educational Institutions

REPORT OF EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

To the General Synod:

It is one thing to come by and continue to hold the academic charter of your school honestly, to pass the test of accreditation successfully. It is a supremely higher test to live up to the Christian charter of a theological seminary.

If it were possible to remove the roof from every building connected with this school in order to take an aerial photograph, as it were, of what is going on in our lives, to obtain an accurate record of our individual and corporate activities in this place day by day, would the deep dyes of the picture, the ingrained fibers of our being be in accord with the Pauline admonishment: "We must lovingly hold to the truth and grow up into perfect union with him who is the head—Christ himself."

Holding to the truth, or "being doers" of the truth, as a variant textual reading has it, means profoundly more than the professional task of theological research or even the office of a teacher of religion. The theologian can not consent to the proposition that the question of truth is essentially a scientific question, i. e., to say that it belongs purely to the realm of intellectual understanding. The question of truth is always something which involves the man himself. Truth does something to man, it makes him a truthful man. And unless this happens all knowledge is in vain. John 18:37.

We must love truth to know it. Truth possesses us more than we possess it. "We love because he loved us first." Christian love is supremely ethical because it is theologically rooted. It has its fountain-head in ultimate reality, in Him who is truth. The love-demand of the gospel is so exclusive as to make love the solvent of all other commands. Love is the measure of all righteousness.

Love squares with truth. It is primarily the understanding of reality from the perspective of the eternal, the ultimate. To love is to take your stand for truth with a commitment excluding all other considerations and disregarding all consequences. Therefore, love is essentially a matter of the will, an action, ultimately a theological decision. So unconditionally does Jesus affirm the love-demand, the unequivocal decision, the complete readiness to be for God and God alone, that the first effect is to strike terror to our sinful heart.

Truth demands an undivided allegiance, and love is pure only when it expresses a whole-hearted loyalty. To love God means to bring our lives under the rule of his will in the totality of our being, to make the establishment of his sovereign reign the supreme concern of our existence. That is possible only if we order our lives individually and as a church according to his direction—"the Son doeth nothing but what he sees the Father do." "As I live by the Father so you live by me." Unless our theology serves to increase our love of God, unless our pursuit of the spiritual realities leads us into processes of repentance and inward growth it fails of its purpose and no power will go out from this seminary, nor from the church in which our graduates expect to serve. Only a radical conversion will do, a complete drastic break with the things in us and around us that are against God; we must sever every tie outside of the tie that binds us to God.

We cannot serve two masters. There are particularly two powers that tend to control our life, against which Jesus asks us to do battle, if we would love God. They are the master powers of the world; and their names are mammon or money and ambition, i. e., the inordinate desire for preferment, honor and superiority. Both are a deadly poison to love and the fiercest opponents of the totalitarian claim which truth alone rightly has to our life. They are really the evil spirits, the powers of darkness behind the political constellations in all the spheres of modern life.

The hoarders of money Jesus designates as men of little faith and pagans. They lack the complete detachment of sole dependence on God; we just don't trust God enough to have the courage to live from hand to mouth. The money-lover is a pagan because he worships another God; he is the slave of "the pitiful ambition of possessing five or six thousand more acres."

But the most scathing woes were pronounced by Jesus over the Pharisees, i. e., pious churchmen, for their hankering after notoriety, their greed for social prestige. Social ambition is altogether incompatible with the love of God. "How can ye believe in me, when you accept honor from one another, instead of seeking the honor that comes from the one God?" John 5:44.

It is the church's attachment to these powers ruling unabashedly in her midst which is sapping her spiritual strength and paralyzing her influence over the world. There is no gainsaying the fact that a church which is dominated by officers and financial programs has become a secular institution. A real hindrance to the unity of Christendom does not lie in the difference of church polity or orders—episcopal system or presbyterian system—these distinctions in themselves are as harmless as they are meaningless. But it is the vested power they imply, the sinful ambition entrenched in them that makes them not only an impediment to church union but a terrible peril to the Church's life.

Possibly the most ominous danger to our love of God in the present world-situation is the distress of persecution which has already become a dread reality for many of our brothers in the Christian world. To endure the fiery trials of suffering, hatred, indignities, calumnies, concentration camp, banishment, and through it all to hold to truth without compromise, to keep your love of God unabated is to stand the acid test of loyalty. The jailing and trial of Martin Niemöller has stirred the hearts of men more deeply and has received far more editorial attention even in the secular press than the Preaching Mission or any recent event in the Christian Church of America.

The passing of the test of persecution reveals the character of our love of God at its best. It is glowing passion for God, an eagerness to suffer for His sake just as Jesus fervently sought the cross much as he dreaded it. Unswervingly the little flock of genuine followers of Christ will hold out in the face of the manifold perplexities of this age, against all the threats of the powers that be until He is manifested whom their souls love.

The crowning victory of the love of God in the Christian martyrs is the spirit of forgiveness which enables them to pray for their enemies, to love those that hate and persecute them.

To overlook the fact that the love-demand of Jesus is directed upon the world as the object of God's love in the most inclusive sense, would be to destroy the very core of gospel truth. The incomparable act of divine forgiveness consummated upon the Cross has released in all that have experienced God's mercy a stream of overflowing love which issues in the rise of a new world-order. The new relation to God effects a new relation of man to man. Only he fulfills the law of love completely who senses the need of a fellowman and shares it.

To love means to minister, to sacrifice, to forgive, to be forbearing one with another, to bear one another's burdens, to heal all broken lives. It is the mercy of God made operative through us to cure the ills of the world. In love the activity of God and the activity of man have their bond of unity. Where love is there God is. To find God we must go where the services of love are needed. All genuine truth is in the service of love. Permit me to quote from Thurneysen's book "The Word of God and the Church," "Life rises up before us and makes its claim. What does this theology mean for life? Does it mean anything? We know what life is—folly, error, sin, injustice, passion, drunkenness, mammon, war. That is life, but still more, it is death. It means men who are out of work, women who are being exploited, children who are growing up without the sunlight, rich who are prisoners of their money, poor who have sunk down into bitterness. What does it mean that, in the midst of this life, you as a theologian found a theology, work at exegesis and dogmatics, and preach sermons? Is it not clear that if the one does not come within sight of the other, if our theology and this life have nothing to do with each other, if when you are sitting by your study-lamp with your problems you do not keep in mind the brother who lives there outside in the laborer's district in the distress of his poverty, or in the fashionable quarter in the distress of his wealth, indeed, if it is not definitely for the sake of this man and because you have him in mind that you work at your theology—then what use is all your theology?"

Our theology has an abiding significance only as an instrument in the service of that love which is building the world of the future.

Our academic degrees and achievements will pass away. But love is not of this world; it is the breaking in of the eternal world into the form of the present world. In this aeon of space and time ruled by death love is the only power which has a future.

Worship in the Seminary Fellowship

At the heart of every vital Christian fellowship is the experience of worship. The seminary is certainly no exception, but rather stands doubly in need of real worship because of the very nature of its task. Worship not only affects and stimulates the lives of each one of us and our life together, but is, in turn, affected and stimulated by whatever measure of Christian fellowship we attain in our daily study and work together. We greatly desire a more God-like and Christ-like permeation of both our work and our worship.

Along with our daily periods of worship, conducted by the members of the faculty in the morning chapel service, and by the students at the evening hour, and the prayer chapel for private meditation and worship, which is available for all of us at any time, we continue to have our Wednesday evening service as the worship experience for our entire Eden family. During the Fall Quarter a special invitation was extended to the church people of Webster Groves to worship with us. The hour for the service was set at 8 o'clock. Very few services during the three months failed to bring at least a few members of the community to worship with us, but the response was very meager. During the winter quarter we have again returned to the earlier hour for our service. Participation on the part of interested members of the community is invited and information as to the details of the service are published each week in the local newspaper.

Members of the senior class plan and lead the liturgical part of each worship service in close relation with Prof. Howard Kelsey. The work of the seminary chorus, also under his direction, and including all students, in becoming acquainted with the rich musical heritage of the church has greatly enhanced our worship. The offerings from our chapel service this year have for the most part been given to the rehabilitation of German pastors coming out of Concentration Camps with no resource to re-establish themselves in the life of a community. Special offerings have been assigned to the Delta Co-operative Farm Project and the World Student Christian Federation.

Music and Worship

That the old Evangelical Hymnal was inadequate for our chapel services has been apparent for years. We use at least five times as many hymns and responses each week in our daily and evening services as the average church. It was not until the commission for the new Evangelical and Reformed Hymnal had set to work that any attempt was made to remedy our situation. At the request of the commission a faculty committee made analyses of the various current hymnals as well as the old Evangelical and Reformed hymnals.

At that time it was deemed advisable to introduce the best of the current hymnals into our chapel services for the following reasons: first, the student body would have an opportunity to know the best in hymnody, not only through study about it, but through first hand experience; second, it would enable the seminary to present recommendations to the commission based on actual practice rather than theory; third, it would build up a permanent repertory of hymns which would supplement the new hymnal when it becomes available.

The Presbyterian Hymnal was introduced into our services last year with the expectation of also purchasing a similar number of Episcopal Hymnals. With these two volumes at our disposal we should have a sufficient number of hymns, canticles, and responses to meet our needs. These two hymnals were chosen because of their difference in background and included material. Together, they very nearly exhaust the field of hymnody from the plainsong of the early church and the chorales of the Reformation to the modern English work of Vaughan Williams and Wal-

ford Davies. The Presbyterian Hymnal has made a most valuable contribution to our chapel services.

Besides the enrichment of our services the use of the Presbyterian Hymnal has had the effect of making the student body aware of the importance of having a fine hymnal in every church. On coming here most of them had taken hymnals for granted—something about which one complained, but about which nothing could be done. Today, we have a very different attitude. Every man has a vital interest in hymnody, not only those hymns with which he was familiar in his home church, but with the vast store of "lyric religion" which is the heritage of the whole Christian Church.

In order to make a like contribution to the churches of the metropolitan area, a hymn society was launched under the auspices of the Seminary.

The purpose of the organization is to encourage and create an interest in hymn singing through study groups sponsored by the seminary and through festivals of the type held here at Eden. Such a program would make it possible for the general public to become familiar with the best in hymnody and to provide a musical outlet for those congregations which are unable to finance elaborate musical programs of their own, which at best are but poor substitutes for fine hymn singing.

It is interesting to note that the local churches not only look to Eden for leadership in this field, but an ever increasing number of inquiries come to the Department of Sacred Music for assistance in the selection of choral materials as well as hymnals. Since the first of October over one hundred lists of anthems, solos, and appropriate organ music have been mailed to ministers and choir directors who have requested them. At the convocation about thirty men attended a forum on Music and Worship which, while not announced on the program, was held by popular request. The discussion ranged from problems of choir management to liturgical questions of the most involved nature. One could not but observe that these men have an absorbing interest in worship; but, best of all, that interest is invariably catholic in character.

Weekly Convocation Speakers

A school must be more than a curriculum. In addition to the formal education carried on in courses there must be a vital contact with the significant movements and enterprises of our general life. For this reason we have sought to obtain speakers on a wide variety of subjects, ranging from Christian Mission to the relations of Religion and Labor.

WEEKLY CONVOCATION SPEAKERS

- September 20, September 27, October 4, and October 11—A series of four lectures on the Ecumenical Conferences, Dr. S. D. Press.
- October 18—Mr. Arno Haack: "The Problem of Democracy in Europe."
- October 25—Miss Marion Cuthbert: "Leadership in Race Relations."
- November 7—Dr. Willard Uphaus: "Religion and Labor."
- December 11—Prof. H. B. Kelsey: Recital of Christmas Music.
- January 17—Dr. Martin Hall: "The Church Conflict in Germany."
- January 24—Report of Student Conference at Oxford, Ohio.
- January 31—Rev. Armin Meyer: "India Missions."
- February 7—Mrs. Doris Preisler: "Workers' Education."
- February 14—Rev. David Baker: "Christianity in Iraq."
- February 28—Rev. John Schultz: "Our Mission to Lepers."
- March 1—Dr. Hugh Vernon White: "The Background of the War in China."
- March 4—Dr. E. M. Conover: "Church Architecture."

The Seminary and Its Graduates

Seminaries of our country are becoming aware, in increasing measure, today, of their expanding task in two directions: (1) to the community in which it lives, the responsibility and opportunity it has to develop lay leadership in a theological thought more adequate to our time; and (2) the responsibility it has to the students which it graduates and sends out to serve the churches of the land.

With regard to the first of these two tasks, our faculty is continuously being called upon by the churches of our denomination, and other denominations in our immediate community, to lead and assist in all kinds of church educational ventures. The Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis has requested that we consider the possibilities of night classes for college graduates who would like to go on with Biblical and theological studies.

The second responsibility is a matter of continued concern to the faculty. We are looking forward to the results of the study now being made by the Leadership Education Division of the International Council of Religious Education and the American Association of Theological Schools, as to just what is being done by all denominations and seminaries of the country to offer ministers continuous opportunities for study and growth. On the basis of this study recommendations and possible ways of working together to do more effective post-seminary work in every part of the United States will be made. Members of our faculty continue to conduct pastors' retreats and institutes; Professor Biegeleisen is offering a two-hour ministers' course each Monday morning with an enrollment of 44 ministers from 9 denominations; our library facilities are open to alumni and ministers of our community; a seminary bulletin is published quarterly; and we are attempting, each year, to improve the quality and effectiveness of our annual convocation for ministers and to give the alumni a larger share in planning and conducting it.

The Annual Convocation

The annual Convocation was held February 21-24, 1938. 114 pastors registered for the entire period of the convocation and many others attended part of the sessions.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. James M. Lichliter, Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Truman Douglass, D.D., of Pilgrim Congregational Church, St. Louis.

Three series of lectures were delivered. Professor Edwin E. Aubrey of the Chicago Divinity School presented four lectures on "Theology and Preaching." Dean Frederick C. Grant of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary delivered four lectures on "The Kingdom of God in the New Testament." The last series, consisting of three lectures, was delivered by the Rev. Donald C. Beatty, Chaplain of the Elgin State Hospital, on "Pastoral Counselling." Group forums were also conducted by all the lecturers. The attendance at the sessions remained unflagging until the convocation ended.

The Alumni Association

The affairs of the Alumni Association are being conducted by an executive committee consisting of six members elected by the association and a faculty adviser. An Alumni Supper was held in connection with the Annual Convocation. This year the association has begun the purchase of a collection of religious art to be presented to the school. Nine excellent pictures were purchased as a nucleus for a larger collection.

The Alumni Association has brought together the graduates of Eden and of the former Central Theological Seminary. New members of the committee, elected at the last meeting are: Rev. John W. Flucke of Clay-

ton, Mo., Rev. Purd E. Deitz, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Alvin A. Blome of Washington, Mo.

Field Work Education and Service

We are now in the fourth year of our present field work plan. Each year brings different and sometimes more significant problems to the front as we endeavor to work out this aspect of our total curriculum. However, new conviction and assurance of the importance of field education and service grows on all of us, students and faculty alike. The truly significant happenings in a year's field work program are difficult to put into an annual report, but the following facts and comments may serve to help interpret both the scope and direction of this part of our seminary work.

1. SUMMER VACATION OPPORTUNITIES

We begin our report this time with the summer vacation experiences of our students. Two or three months in the summer vacation is often more important for the student's development than an entire year of once-a-week field work during the school year. The opportunity of working in some project that has the continuity of a day after day variety is invaluable. During the past year our Field Department has been instrumental in helping place students in the following positions: 3 counsellors for the Hanover Young People's Conference; 2 teachers and recreational leaders in Leadership Training Schools; 2 Boys' Camp Counsellors; 3 leaders of Vacation Schools in the Ozark; 1 Protestant Chaplain for a Boy Scout camp; 3 teachers in Vacation Schools, one being an experimental school with underprivileged children; 3 part-time pastors to a church throughout the entire summer; 4 serving a church full-time during the summer; 1 serving Biloxi Mission as an ad interim pastor; 1 teaching in a Religious Day School for Hungarian children.

Plans are definitely under way to extend this program of summer work both denominationally and interdenominationally during the coming summer. Most of the above opportunities will again be open to our students and in addition work at the Delta Co-operative Farm, at the Shannondale Co-operative store; Quaker Work Camp projects, folk school sessions and Y. M. C. A. Boys' Club work are possibilities.

Last summer our seminary supported the work of the Council for Clinical Training of Theological Students and one of our students spent the summer working and studying in the Elgin Mental Hospital under the direction of this council. The same student is planning to return to the Elgin Hospital this summer and very probably two other students will be chosen from our campus by this organization.

2. STUDENTS ON LEAVE

Three students, two Middlers and one Senior, are working as associate pastors in Woodland, California, Buffalo and Chicago. The Field Work Department attempts to keep in touch with the work of these students through a limited correspondence with them and through reports from the ministers with whom they are associated. Opportunities of this kind are welcomed by the seminary and many students are willing to lengthen their course of study by a year in order to gain this kind of experience.

3. FIELD WORK AS PART OF THE SEMINARY COURSE OF STUDY

Members of the Junior class are engaged in the following types of work: clubs for near-delinquent boys in poor home situations (5); teaching and club work with groups in Caroline Mission (5); teaching in orphanage (2); advisers to Hi-Y groups (2); teaching church school classes (4); choir direction and associate in Youth Work of a church (1); Boys' Club work in Downtown Y. M. C. A. (1); hospital visitation (1). Two of the members of our Junior class are full-time pastors of Meth-

odist churches in the city and therefore carry a strictly academic program at the seminary. The work of members of the class is done in five different churches representing two denominations; three church agencies, a settlement house, an orphanage, and a city mission program; and in connection with five community agencies. The co-operative project of the County Y. M. C. A., the County Welfare Association and the seminary to help reclaim maladjusted boys through a program of group work, is being constantly evaluated by the three agencies, and our experience thus far will no doubt direct us to some changes in the method of work along this line next fall. The financial problem, is, of course, a constant one, especially with this group of in-coming students. The work described above takes many hours of time each week and in most cases the remuneration only amounts to expenses.

In the Middler class our students are serving as follows: 11 teaching church school classes; 10 advisers to youth groups, most of which meet on Sunday evenings; 1 leader of worship in a Junior High department; 1 recreation leader with a church youth group; 1 assistant in the program of a Junior church; 2 leaders of choirs; 3 club groups in Caroline Mission; 1 as minister to a Hungarian church group; 2 in hospital service under the City Mission (one working full-time during the Winter Quarter); and one married student as part-time resident pastor of an Evangelical and Reformed church. In addition to the work in the hospital and mission, churches in the following denominations are co-operating in this work: Methodist 2; Methodist South 1, Evangelical and Reformed 5; Episcopal 1; Presbyterian 2; Congregational 3; Baptist 1; Disciples of Christ 2; Hungarian Mission 1. Most of the supervision of this work on the part of the seminary is done through personal conferences, periodic written reports from the students; and regular written reports from the ministers. The amount and kind of help and supervision given by pastors in the churches above named, varies greatly—from almost ideal companionship in working together, to practically no relationship between student and pastor. Each year we are more in a position to cull out the places where the educational results for the student are at a minimum. Seven of the students in this class spend many hours a week in various kinds of employment outside of their academic and field work schedule in order to make a financial go of it. Because of the twenty-four year age limit placed on N. Y. A. funds, the small amount allotted to us this year, and the nature of the work done by the middle-agers, no funds from this source are available here. At the beginning of the year, when we faced each church with the financial situation involved we had a fairly unanimous response on their part to give more than expenses, or increase the honoraria a little if they were previously giving a small honorarium. Even so, the amounts are practically negligible.

Professor Menzel has again this year taken care of the placement of seniors in churches calling on assistance for preaching. There are three types of call: 1) The small near-by church that is served throughout the school year by one of our students every second, third, or fourth week, or by two of our students alternating every other week; (2) Churches near by asking for an ad interim service (usually two or three months) while they are in the process of securing a new minister; (3) Calls that come in each week for a student to preach only that particular Sunday. In the first classification named, the student very often spends the weekend in the parish and sometimes conducts a confirmation class.

Under Type No. 2 eleven different churches have been served from six weeks to three months or longer in a few cases. Twenty-three seniors serve these churches, two of whom finished their work January first and one of whom is spending two years in the Senior class doing a major job of Field Work each of the two years. Again this year the seniors

are, on their own initiative, and through their own committees, pooling the honoraria received, and dividing it equally among all members of the class, thus making it possible for the Field Work Committee to make assignments not according to financial need of students but rather according to the needs of the church situation and the experience opportunity for the student.

The Faculty

Professor Carl Schneider is spending his sabbatical year for study in research work in Germany and Switzerland. He will return at the opening of the Fall Term this year.

Professor Allen Wehrli, who spent the past year in study at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, returned to the seminary on February 1.

Professor John Biegeleisen is making plans to spend next year in study, on his sabbatical leave.

The Rev. James Lichliter, Canon of Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis, a graduate of Union Seminary, New York, is giving courses and guiding preaching practice for the seniors during the winter and spring terms of this school year.

Registrar's Report

Nineteen students were graduates on June 9, 1937. The seminary conferred the degree of Bachelor of Divinity on sixteen; three were awarded the certificate of the seminary. The degree, Doctor Divinitatis, honoris causa, was conferred on the Reverend George M. Gibson of Webster Groves, Mo.

The enrollment for the present academic year is 66.

Graduate Students, 4; Seniors, 25 (2 from "R" Church—2 Specials); Middlers, 18 (4 from "R" Church); Juniors, 19 (1 from "R" Church, 2 from Methodist Church).

With the graduation of the present senior class the category of "special students" will be discontinued. This will mark the full realization in fact of the goal towards which Eden has been moving, namely, a graduate school. For two years, students without an A.B. degree have not been admitted to the seminary. The wisdom of this policy has been justified by the character of the student body since this ruling was in force.

In the present academic year several denominations are represented:

Evangelical 53; Reformed Church 7; Methodist Church South 1; Free Methodist 1; Christian Church 1; United Presbyterian 1; Presbyterian U. S. A. 2.

Sixteen states are represented and one foreign country:

Illinois 18; Missouri 12; Ohio 7; Indiana 6; Iowa 4; Wisconsin 3; Kentucky 2; Michigan 2; New York 2; Texas 2; Nebraska 2; Maryland 1; North Carolina 1; North Dakota 1; Pennsylvania 1; Virginia 1; Hungary 1.

The students are graduates of sixteen different colleges:

Elmhurst 43; Heidelberg 5; Catawba College 2; Washington University 1; Cornell Iowa College 1; Drury College 1; Eureka College 1; Evansville College 1; Greenville College 1; Mission House College 1; Ohio University 1; Park College 1; Reformed Collegium of Debrecen 1; University of Michigan 1; Ursinus College 1; Western Union College 1.

As the seminary report remarked last year, the diversity of college background of the seminary student body represents a change from a few years ago. The indications are that this diversity will increase in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. Press, President

REPORT OF ELMHURST COLLEGE

To the General Synod:

The more intimately I become acquainted with my colleagues in the several educational institutions of our Church the more difficult it becomes for me to approach the General Synod on a different basis than the others. Familiarity with the situation, however, and a deliberate effort to understand our problem should enable the delegates to discover that we are not pleading for support without valid reasons, since we have in mind an ideal and are definitely working toward such a place as will not only entitle us to your continued interest but will enable us to draw upon resources that are not a part of a current denominational budget. Ever since the inception of Elmhurst College as a Pro-Seminary in 1871 to its development into a Junior College in 1919, as a Senior College in 1925, and as a fully accredited institution in 1934, the Evangelical Synod of N.A. has shared in the privilege and the responsibility of operating a church-related educational institution by appropriating year after year whatever amount appeared to be necessary for effective operation from the current funds of the Church. In recent years this has been slightly better than \$50,000 per year. While this was not quite adequate we none the less greatly appreciated it. It constitutes about one-third of our needs, the second third being provided by fees from the students, and the balance from endowment income and special gifts. It is clear that we cannot raise the tuition greatly, if at all. We are at work to increase our endowment. As the proceeds from this endowment meets the needs, the appropriation from the current funds of the Church shall be reduced.

In some respects this mode of operation differs greatly from that in vogue within the Reformed Church in the U.S., but even the Reformed constituency has through local Synods made more or less substantial contributions to several colleges. It is therefore not altogether unaware of the problem, though it may not have appropriated any more than the Evangelical constituency, just how essential for its very life the support of an adequate educational program on higher levels is for the future of the Church. On that basis I beg leave to suggest to you that the Church cannot afford to become less interested in training leaders for the clergy and the laity. These will come out of all colleges of the country. But a good proportion will need to come out of the church-related colleges if the Christian approach to the problems of life is to be safeguarded, promoted and made increasingly effective in all relationships. I can only speak for myself, but I think I am speaking in behalf of our Board of Trustees, if I say that we are fully aware of the needs and the place of such education as Elmhurst College provides. This is not said by way of competition, or of arousing envy or making odious comparisons. It is merely brought to your attention in order that you may be led to think seriously with us about colleges and the objectives of education on the higher levels in a Christian institution. If you do not know of any Christian institution, is this not perhaps due to our inability to point out *any* organization that is truly Christian? Do we not train your sons and your daughters? Are you not with us responsible for the kind of a program we offer? Can you deny that if the Church wholly withdraws its hand from higher education that our own sons and daughters may point their fingers at us and say: "You did not care how we were trained and under what influences we grew up."

This whole matter cuts deeply into our so-called philosophy of education. What are we trying to accomplish? Is there anything that we can do better than a tax-supported institution? Is there anything that we ought to do which a tax-supported institution does not care or dare to do? Are we merely interested in earning a living or are we concerned about learning how to live? Since all of us believe that we are something more than mere brutes it behooves us to consider seriously whether

the aims of education in general are geared toward providing wisdom and understanding rather than mere facts and skills. Man, his rights, his duties, his powers and his ends, with due regard for God in his relationship to man, seem to me to constitute the objectives of a liberal education.

Quite definitely do I recognize that such an institution like ours cannot exist without your good will. Your good will can be no better demonstrated than by entrusting your sons and daughters to us. If the Church does not trust its educational institutions and sees no particular reason for their existence, then the Church ought to say so. If the Church is with us concerned about influencing the trend of thinking toward a true Christian conception of life in all of its relationships, it will not hesitate, even at much sacrifice, to support education on all levels.

Respectfully,

T. Lehmann, President.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

January 1, 1936, to December 31, 1937

<i>Income</i>	Jan. 1, 1936 to Dec. 31, 1936	Jan. 1, 1937 to Dec. 31, 1937	Jan. 1, 1936 to Dec. 31, 1937
Budget Appropriation of Evangelical Synod	\$ 50,220.34	\$ 50,480.00	\$100,700.34
Tuition Fees	40,949.16	45,329.65	86,278.81
Commons Board	24,301.61	25,931.49	50,233.10
Dormitories and Rentals	17,390.48	18,221.81	35,612.29
School of Music	6,130.29	6,624.82	12,755.11
Interest, Endowment	4,589.62	8,314.11	12,903.73
Interest, Scholarships	1,161.16	1,317.30	2,478.46
Gifts, Restricted	125.00	350.00	475.00
Gifts, Unrestricted	380.67	47.99	428.66
Athletics	2,391.68	3,123.14	5,514.82
Student Aid	815.86	594.39	1,410.25
Musical Activities	422.45	416.68	839.13
Dramatics	295.01	285.55	580.56
Miscellaneous	695.28	799.57	1,494.85
	<u>\$149,868.61</u>	<u>\$161,836.50</u>	<u>\$311,705.11</u>
Elmhurst-Eden Advance a/c Improvements	11,211.31	4,425.00	15,636.31
<i>Total Income</i>	<u>\$161,079.92</u>	<u>\$166,261.50</u>	<u>\$327,341.42</u>
<i>Expenses</i>			
Foodstuffs Used	\$ 13,747.83	\$ 13,292.32	\$ 27,040.15
Student Aid, Scholarships	12,023.07	12,112.63	24,135.70
Repairs and Maintenance	6,305.18	5,131.37	11,436.55
Supplies — General	4,959.09	7,258.67	12,217.76
Fuel Consumed	5,108.26	5,552.39	10,660.65
Commissions, School of Music	4,425.25	4,570.04	8,995.29
Light and Power	2,410.63	2,528.90	4,939.53
Insurance, all Departments	2,576.13	2,582.81	5,158.94
Traveling, all Departments	2,554.46	2,687.80	5,242.26
Rents	1,397.00	1,398.60	2,795.60
Catalogues and Bulletins	633.00	839.53	1,472.53
Interest Paid	986.76	937.33	1,924.09
Laundry and Towel Service	1,279.94	1,157.20	2,437.14
Advertising and Publicity	1,179.03	1,350.78	2,529.81
Supplies, Janitor's	1,140.17	762.93	1,903.10
Professional Services	625.50	740.70	1,366.20

Stationery and Printing	499.96	548.39	1,048.35
Telephone and Telegraph	706.62	693.99	1,400.61
Postage	601.11	580.96	1,182.07
Depreciation, School of Music	246.31	241.02	487.33
Water	1,530.37	1,969.25	3,499.62
Trees, Shrubs, Lawn, etc.....	315.08	91.28	406.36
Binding and Repairing Books	320.05	376.63	696.68
Guarantees, Athletic Department.	295.00	455.00	750.00
Officials' Fees, Athletic Departm't	336.00	586.00	922.00
Graduation	430.67	319.36	750.03
Speakers, Chapel	410.00	418.08	828.08
Gas	963.53	1,029.15	1,992.68
Membership Fees	293.00	210.00	503.00
Homecoming — Net	70.92	104.89	175.81
Freight and Express	116.85	83.48	200.33
Automobile and Truck Licenses...	53.00	34.50	87.50
Miscellaneous	551.96	408.01	959.97
<i>Total Expenses other than</i>			
<i>Salaries</i>	<i>\$ 69,091.73</i>	<i>\$ 71,053.99</i>	<i>\$140,145.72</i>
<i>Salaries</i>			
Instruction	\$ 55,119.45	\$ 54,067.36	\$109,186.81
Administration	10,848.79	11,060.16	21,908.95
Janitors	8,016.23	7,719.05	15,735.28
Commons	7,024.48	7,555.77	14,580.25
Heat	4,585.51	5,117.64	9,703.15
Publicity and Promotion	3,592.89	3,496.72	7,089.61
Musical Activities	1,300.00	2,011.40	3,311.40
School of Music	982.94	1,051.44	2,034.38
Maintenance	877.31	1,065.92	1,943.23
Campus	722.77	749.38	1,472.15
Matron	713.33	380.00	1,093.33
Athletics	482.14	733.64	1,215.78
Garage	428.96	569.42	998.38
Chapel Organist	270.00	276.83	546.83
Night Watchman	240.00	240.00	480.00
Post Office	163.85	158.20	322.05
Dramatics	24.09	8.78	32.87
<i>Total Salaries</i>	<i>\$ 95,392.74</i>	<i>\$ 96,261.71</i>	<i>\$191,654.45</i>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$164,484.47</i>	<i>\$167,315.70</i>	<i>\$331,800.17</i>
Equipment, Improvements, Books, etc.	\$ 14,987.72	\$ 14,897.63	\$ 29,885.35
<i>Total Expenses, Equipment, Im- provements, Books, etc.....</i>	<i>\$179,472.19</i>	<i>\$182,213.33</i>	<i>\$361,685.52</i>
<i>Deficit</i>	<i>\$ 18,392.27</i>	<i>\$ 15,951.83</i>	<i>\$ 34,344.10</i>

The Committee on Educational Institutions made report through Rev. F. Rosenberger on Tuesday morning. Its consideration was continued at convenient intervals during the day. Action was taken on the items, seriatim, as follows:—

Item 1—was amended by striking out “as a whole” in line 4—
and by substituting “sufficient period of time” for “pe-
riod of two years,” and then adopted.

Item 2—was referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Item 4—was adopted as amended by substituting "request" for "require" and by striking out the words "local" and "according to geographical relationship."

Items 3, 5 and 6—Adopted as read.

Item 7—was amended by substituting for "vest" the word "recognize."

Item 9—was amended by adding Eden Theological Seminary along with Elmhurst College.

Items 8, 10, 11 and 13 were adopted.

Item 12—amend by adding "in cooperation with Board of Christian Education."—Adopted, as amended.

Item 14—was stricken out.

The report with the deletions, references and amendments, finally adopted as a whole, reads as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Educational Institutions has had referred to it the following items for consideration and recommendation:

Overtures of the Association of Schools, Colleges and Seminaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The paragraph marked Roman 2 has been withdrawn by vote of the Association. We suggest that Dr. Howard Omwake, secretary of this Association, be given the floor for an explanation of this withdrawal.

Overtures regarding Heidelberg, the Mission House, Catawba College, apportionment for educational institutions, on student congregation at University of Missouri, on denominational support for educational institutions.

All of these are recorded in White Book.

The report of the Presidents of Eden Theological Seminary and Elmhurst College as printed in Blue Book, pp. 151-153.

WHEREAS, Christian Education has ever been regarded by the Evangelical and Reformed Church as one of the phases of its work for the nurture and development of the Christian life, in obedience to the Lord's command to "go and teach"; and

WHEREAS, in accord with that recognition, institutions of higher education have been established, fostered and supported by the Evangelical and Reformed Church;

1) THEREFORE, we recommend that in the interest of unity and for the furtherance of a common spirit in a common cause General Synod declare as its policy to maintain and support its educational institutions as institutions of the Church, and that a sufficient period of time be allowed to elapse on the present basis, to permit the working out of the technical details of approaching that ideal.

2) Understanding that property rights of schools and colleges are vested in trustees (directors, regents) of each institution to be held in trust; and that where title is not now held in trust for any church group, the title to the property must be determined on legal counsel by the institution itself:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boards of Trustees shall be so constituted that a majority of each Board shall be composed

of members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, that in this majority both the ministry and lay membership shall be so represented, and where tradition and conditions make it desirable Boards may be self-perpetuating; and that terms of office for membership on Boards of Trustees shall be determined by the Boards themselves, and so written into the charters or by-laws.

3) In the interest of continued and increasing cooperation between the institutions and the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the General Synod heartily approves the establishment of the Commission on Higher Education as defined in Article III, Section 115, of the By-Laws, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, page 113 of Acts and Proceedings of General Synod, 1936.

4) We recommend that the General Synod request that each institution make an annual report to the Commission on Higher Education, which shall in turn pass these reports on to the Synods and summarize them for report to the General Synod.

5) That the General Synod expects the Commission on Higher Education to promote a generous support of the educational institutions throughout the church.

6) That the General Synod instructs the Commission on Higher Education to arrange for denominational representation on the Council of Church Boards of Education.

7) We recommend that the General Synod recognize control and primary responsibility for the support of Heidelberg College in the 5 new Synods in the State of Ohio; and that these Synods be authorized to create a College Committee in the Heidelberg College area.

8) We recommend that the General Synod urge the present constituency of the Mission House to continue its support until such time as the General Synod shall work out another plan for this institution.

9) We recommend that the General Synod approve the matter of support for Elmhurst College and Eden Theological Seminary by the constituency of the former Evangelical Synod of North America until such time as General Synod shall work out another plan of support for this institution.

10) We recommend that General Synod approve the proposed changes in the charter of Catawba College in conformity with action taken by the Trustees and the Classis of North Carolina.

11) We recommend that the attention of Philadelphia Classis be called to resolution No. 1 in this report as previously adopted.

12) We recommend that General Synod urge all congregations of the Evangelical and Reformed Church within the State of Missouri to cooperate in the work of the Student congregation at University of Missouri and that they be authorized to set up an appropriate agency to carry out this project in cooperation with the Board of Christian Education.

13) We recommend that General Synod approve the overtures regarding the financial support of educational institutions but defer action until a unified budget is set up for the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEES

T. Lehmann
Frank A. Rosenberger
Jacob C. Leonard
Elmer L. Coblenz
Calvin A. Brown
Matthew Worthman
F. A. Keck

14. Christianity and Social Problems

REPORT OF JOINT COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

To the General Synod:

During the biennium since the meeting of the General Synod at Fort Wayne, Ind., the Joint Commission on Christian Social Action held two meetings: one on October 30, 1936, in Philadelphia, Pa., and the other on September 7, 1937, in Webster Groves, Mo.

In compliance with the action of the General Synod, the Commission contacted existing committees on Christian Social Action in the Districts and Classes, with a view of bringing the "Objectives" which were presented to the General Synod at Fort Wayne, to the attention of the Church at large. In many sections of the Church these "Objectives" received due consideration, suitable action was formulated, but in altogether too many cases the matter was allowed to rest with mere academic discussion.

The Commission prepared and sent out through the Church three distinct Messages: one a Christmas Message for 1936, entitled: "The Word Made Flesh," second, a Lenten Message for 1937, entitled: "The Suffering Servant," third, the Christmas Message for 1937. These Messages were well received throughout the Church. Sixty thousand copies of the 1937 Christmas Message were distributed and the demand exceeded the supply.

The General Synod in 1936 directed several questions for study to the Commission. Those questions are:

What do we mean by the profit system?

Is the profit system Christian?

Can the profit system be brought under the domination of the Spirit of Jesus?

Or, are the profit system and the teachings of Christ irreconcilable?

If the profit system cannot be Christianized, what are the alternatives—Socialism? Collectivism? Co-operative? or what?

These questions have engaged the study of the Commission, and discussion of the issues involved has disclosed a common mind on the major principles involved.

The Commission projected the following course of action:

1. To make available to the ministers and delegates to classical and district conferences copies of a pamphlet by Professor Paul H. Douglass, which pamphlet gives an excellent objective discussion of the issues raised by the profit motive and profit system. This pamphlet was prepared for the Council for Social Action of the Congregational and Christian Churches.

2. To circulate a pamphlet prepared by the Commission on Christian Social Action discussing the profit motive and the profit system and the alternatives from the perspective of Christian ethics.

The Commission regrets to report that certain actions have made it appear advisable to postpone these projects until the position of the Commission is further clarified by action of the General Synod.

The General Synod would make possible a more effective Commission if it would take specific action on the following issues:

1. Is the Commission as an official body of the Church to have freedom of expression in setting forth Christian ethical principles and their application to current issues? Or is every statement of the Commission subject to the review of the Executive Committee? Are the statements of the Commission to be published in the denominational papers?

2. If the Commission is to function effectively, it must have an appropriation to meet necessary expenses. The present arrangement is highly unsatisfactory. Again the Commission asks for an appropriation of \$5,000.00 per year.

"Ye hypocrites, ye know how to interpret the face of the earth and the heaven; but how is it that ye know not to interpret this time?" (Luke 12:56). So Jesus addressed his generation, sensitive to the changes in the weather, but insensitive to the most important thing. The men of his generation could discern the meaning of a cloud on the horizon or a southwind, but they were blind to the meaning of the appearing of Jesus Christ. They could discern changes which affected the crops, they had sufficient prudence to follow a course of practical expediency but they knew not that the Kingdom of God had already broken into history in the coming of Jesus Christ.

Is our generation any more sensitive to God's mighty deeds in history than the generation contemporary with our Lord? Do we any more than the generation in which Jesus lived know how to interpret this time? "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

The judgment of God hovers over the world calling the world to account. The judgment of the holy God calls men today to the most earnest and sincere repentance. "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." The repentance which is demanded of us is a full and thoroughgoing repentance. "We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Nothing that has been done, no status or condition of life can exempt us from the rigor and severity of the judgment of the holy God.

And yet God's holiness is a holiness of love which has patiently borne with us and still reaches out to restore us to fellowship with himself. It is a holy love which still furthers the divine purpose with mercy and grace in the teeth of all human opposition and the sinful hostility of men. His grace is with us yet and he has not left those who cling to him in faith to perish. As the fires of persecution have been let loose and the forces of sin have come into the open marshalling their demonic power, the grace of God has been poured out beyond measure. With our prayers of intercession for those faithful followers of Jesus who have been called up to face the fiery trials of the hostile powers of the world ascend our prayers of thanksgiving for the clear witness which the faithful have given of the holy love of God in our generation.

The Lord, he is God! That means to look to God, to wait for God, to trust in God absolutely. By faith in the creative and redemptive activity of God are we saved—a faith which is willing to surrender every human security and rely without question on the goodness of God, our Creator and Redeemer. For God has proved his love to us, a love without limit. He has conquered sin and death for us and called us to the service of co-workers with himself. We dare not despise the grace of God nor render his love of no effect. The vocation to which he has called us demands of us, in whatever station of life we are, the most uncompromising obedience, the most unswerving loyalty. The call to repentance is the call to decision—decision to acknowledge God our God, the absolute sovereign over our lives. The call to service is the call to face every situation in the light of the will of God.

The highest form of service which the followers of Jesus Christ can render to their fellowmen is to point to Him who is our Savior and who offers Himself to be the Savior of all men. We dare not offer to men—whether they be occidentals or orientals, white or black, wealthy or poor, anything less. We dare not substitute social utopias or codes of morality or even church affiliations for the Lord Jesus Christ. To point to Jesus Christ means to take upon ourselves the burdens of others—to put off everything which detracts from the winsomeness of the gospel and to be seriously concerned for the burdens of men. That means prayer as Jesus prayed for his own; that means giving up every tie which hinders

our service in the gospel; that means feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and the imprisoned.

The heroic struggle of the church of Jesus Christ in Germany for the freedom of the gospel continues. The arrest, trial, release and rearrest of the Reverend Martin Niemöller has been turned by the grace of God to an occasion for an intrepid witnessing for the Lord Jesus. Defeated, the forces hostile to the gospel have not been lacking in satanic devices to cover up their defeat nor have they retreated one inch from their hostility to the Lord of life. The Reverend Martin Niemöller has not been alone in his suffering of persecution. Hundreds of less well-known men have been subjected to fiery trials both within and without the ministry. American Christians, including many of our own denomination have contributed prayers and money—the latter in part for the rehabilitation of pastors released from concentration camps. We dare not rest content with what we have done. Would it not be possible for the Evangelical and Reformed Church to provide fields of work in this country and elsewhere for those who are denied the opportunity to preach the gospel in Germany? If the General Synod would set up a special committee charged with this responsibility and given power to act, ways and means could be found to aid at least a few of our Christian brothers.

The situation in Austria, in Spain, in Japan and in China has confronted Christians with making hard decisions. Let us remember them before God in prayer. Agencies exist for the collection of funds to mitigate the distress caused by war in Spain, Japan and China. The contributions for the assistance of the victims of war is a witness to the ecumenicity of the Christian Church which recognizes no national boundaries as limits to its message and its fellowships.

A serious problem which is of concern to many of our ministers is the question of the range of salaries. It is worth pointing out that the question is of most concern to those ministers who are sensitive to the difficulties faced by their brothers whose salaries are at a lower level than their own. There is little question that the remuneration received by many ministers bears little relation to the services they perform. And there is still less question that many consecrated men are rendering fine service under conditions which seriously hamper their effectiveness and make it difficult to meet their responsibility to their families.

Turning to certain social questions which confront the church, that of rearmament bulks large on the horizon. The rearmament of the nations, including the United States, makes it imperative for the Christian Church to speak with Christian realism on the whole question. Certainly, as Christians we cannot accept with complacency the rearmament program espoused by the president of the United States. Our trust is in God not in armament; and certainly we should be blind to experience as well as deaf to the Word of God to believe that security can be founded on armaments. To all proposals to increase armaments, with the attendant increase of tensions between the nations and the temptation to ever increased use of power diplomacy, the Christian conscience speaks a clear and emphatic, "No." Together with the repudiation of resort to armaments, the Church must arouse the conscience of men and stimulate their best efforts to removing the conditions and causes of friction and hatred between the nations.

In internal affairs there are several situations which may be selected for comment. The intricate social security legislation has made both for definite improvement in the lot of thousands of our fellow citizens and also raised several grave problems. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that social security legislation cannot be either praised or condemned as all of one piece. We may indeed be grateful that society has come to recognize its obligation to care for the underprivileged and destitute. Christian people can render a fine service by devoting their attention to making effective good and wise provisions and improving those aspects

of the program now justifiably criticized. The serious problem raised by political exploitation of old-age pensions and the current breakdown of conscience and morale in large sections of our population are matters of grave concern. The Church has before it a great responsibility to prove its interest in social security by awakening and directing conscience so that abuse and exploitations may be eliminated.

The increase in unemployment during the period from November to February brings the problem of unemployment to our attention. The tragic fate of millions of our citizens who suffer from economic insecurity must always be our concern. In many sections of the country, relief is pitifully inadequate. The callousness of great portions of our population to the distress of our unfortunate brothers dare not go unchallenged. One of the most encouraging signs is the concern of many in responsible positions in business and industry to grapple seriously with this question and the growing consciousness that the question of relief must be faced by business and labor together.

The primary goal of social security must be providing jobs for all who need them at the highest wage possible. Economic security is basic to civil and political liberty. If a man does not work neither shall he eat, is a sound maxim, but the right to work must also be recognized. A social order which denies to its members the opportunity to contribute to society fails in its first obligation. The tragic fate of share-croppers and industrial workers compel a sympathy united with the best intelligence available. The Reverend James Myers' dictum that the moral measure of a nation is determined by the condition of its least privileged citizens contains the quintessence of prophetic religion.

The Commission heartily recommends the official Report of the recent Oxford Conference on Life and Work by J. H. Oldham for a careful study of the social implications of our Christian faith.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

Charles E. Schaeffer, Chairman.
Elmer J. F. Arndt, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

The Committee on Christian Social Action makes the following recommendations on matters contained in the report of the Commission on Christianity and Social Action and on overtures made to General Synod and referred to this Committee.

- 1.) That the General Synod endorse the movement for Uniform Marriage and Divorce Laws.
- 2.) That the Commission should be given all possible encouragement by the leadership and membership of the united church to carry on its very important work.
- 3.) That all promotional work and pronouncements and pamphlets prepared by the Commission except those containing factual information must have the approval of the General Synod through its governing body.
- 4.) That the Commission on Christian Social Action be given an appropriation not exceeding \$2000.00 per annum.
- 5.) That the Commission do all in its power to assist the Christian refugees from all countries.
- 6.) That the Commission be encouraged to present to the clergy, in pamphlet form, answers to the questions directed to the Commission at the Fort Wayne General Synod dealing with pertinent questions.
- 7.) That the General Synod approve of the three items in the Synod of the Northwest on Sabbath observance.

- a. That we look with disfavor upon any and every attempt through legislation or by any other means to do away with the Lord's Day!
 - b. That we pledge our moral and if it be desired our material support to the Lord's Day Alliance for the preservation or restoration of the Lord's Day.
 - c. That we urge our pastors to stress from the pulpit and in the training of our youth the profound significance of this sacred institution.
 - d. That we urge our pastors to call attention to the teachings of our catechisms on Sabbath observance.
- 8.) That the overture asking for a Commission on World Peace be referred to the Commission on Christian and Social Action for further study and proposed action.
 - 9.) That the General Synod deplores war at any time and lays upon her ministers and members the obligation to interpret the Gospel of Peace at all times and to inculcate the ideals of peace in our people, especially observing the period immediately preceding Armistice Day for special emphasis.
 - 10.) That the General Synod support any member of our Church in his claim for exemption from military service for conscientious reasons.

Scott R. Wagner
H. Nevin Kerst
Louis C. Held
R. P. Wolfersberger
Oscar C. Grueninger
Samuel E. Bashore
Alfred F. Schroeder
K. J. Stuebbe

The above report was made on Monday evening by Dr. Scott R. Wagner, chairman. Its 11 items were considered and action taken seriatim as follows:—

Items 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8 were promptly adopted.

Item 3, after an earnest discussion, in which Prof. Elmer Arndt, Judge J. D. Snyder, Dr. Klaus J. Stuebbe and Revs. Ralph Abele and James E. Wagner participated, was finally adopted.

Item 4 was tabled.

Item 7 (b) was amended by striking out "or kindred organizations and movements" and then adopted.

Item 9 was adopted with the addition of "and members" after "ministers" and the elimination of "young."

Item 10, following a prolonged discussion by Dr. Klaus J. Stuebbe, Prof. Arndt, Rev. Kratz and Mr. Schultz, was finally by motion referred to the Committee on Constitution and Charter.

Item 11 was on motion added, viz, That the General Synod adopt the three recommendations proposed by the representatives to the Lord's Day Alliance in their printed report in the Blue Book—here included for the information of the Church as follows:—

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

To the General Synod:

The forty-ninth anniversary of the National Lord's Day Alliance was observed in New York and Brooklyn, N. Y., with appropriate services and sermons in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and the St. Mark's Methodist Church of these two cities on Sunday, December 5, 1937. The following day (Monday) the annual business meetings were held in the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, N. Y., concluding with a noonday luncheon at the Aldine Club, where also the Board of Managers held their annual meeting and transacted important routine business. Your undersigned representatives attended these Monday meetings.

The report of the president of the Alliance, Rev. John H. Willey, D. D., was characterized by "faith and fiber" and animated by a spirit of optimism and triumph. This was also true of the report of the secretary, Rev. Harry L. Bowlby, D.D. He described the Alliance as "a commissioned agency of action for the Church." A list of worthwhile achievements was presented. Encouraging messages were presented from thirteen State bodies affiliated with the Alliance.

Preparations are being made for the proper celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Alliance in December, 1938. A special committee was appointed. Also a committee to plan and project a "Forward Movement" with \$250,000 as its financial goal, and to prosecute the work of the Alliance during the ensuing five years.

1. *We recommend* that Synod approve the movement begun by the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States to secure from the Post Office Department and the Congress of the United States a nation-wide recognition of Sunday through an act which will place on all mail by cancellation stamp the words, "OBSERVE SUNDAY," during the two weeks preceding and including Easter Sunday of every year.

2. *We suggest* that Synod hereby call upon the Commission appointed to plan and prosecute the New York World Fair in Greater New York, 1939, to close the Fair on Sunday to such features and enterprises as would not be in harmony with the traditions of the Christian Sabbath.

3. *We earnestly recommend* the work of the Lord's Day Alliance to the continued moral and financial support of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in all its Synods and congregations.

At the urgent request of the Alliance we recommend continued representation in the Alliance by the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Urban C. Gutelius,
Titus Lehman.*

The completed report of the Committee on Christian Social Action was finally adopted as a whole.

15. Auxiliary Organizations

REPORT OF THE CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD

For the Period from June, 1936, to May, 1938

To the General Synod:

By the grace of God and the loyal co-operation of pastors and laymen and the leadership of the members of the National Board, we are privileged to record a noticeable advance and definite progress in the work of our Churchmen's Brotherhood throughout the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

MERGER—MOVING FORWARD

Since our National Convention, held in Buffalo in August, 1936, we have moved steadily forward in all branches of our work and sincerely believe that rich blessings have come to the men associated with us in the deepening of their spiritual lives, in the better understanding of the tasks of the Church and the program of Christ and in the growing of larger loyalties toward our denomination and the Kingdom.

The Churchmen's Brotherhood is an effective agency to promote the spiritual unity of pastors and laymen and an acceptance of larger responsibility in making effective the entire program of the General Synod of our Church.

ORGANIZATIONS

We are glad to report that at present more than 600 chapters are enrolled with 23,000 members. Since the merger about 50 chapters have been organized, more than 75% of which have been organized in the former "R" group, where men's work had not been as advanced as in the former Evangelical Synod. Gradually pastors and laymen are seeing the value of this closer fellowship and co-operation in co-ordinating the man-power of our Church and making it produce leadership, life and strength.

Immediately after the merger, our work was divided into two departments, a Western department, including the territory West of the Ohio to the Pacific, Texas to Canada; and the Eastern Department, including the territory east of the Ohio to the Atlantic and seaboard States. For a brief period each group will minister to its former constituency in the State of Ohio. Each department is directed by a Secretary on half time, the Western Department with its office at St. Louis and the Eastern Department with its office at Philadelphia. We have found this arrangement entirely practical and economically advisable because of the great saving in traveling expenses and the accessibility and availability of the Secretaries to churches in their territory. We may report that the relationship of the Secretaries is entirely harmonious and is bringing forth increasing evidences of mutual understanding and purpose of our National Organization. The administration is under the direction of our National Board composed of eleven members, whose names are attached to this report.

We have organized our work into five departments: Devotional Life and Evangelism, Christian Stewardship, Missionary Education, Social Service and Denominational Loyalty.

ACTIVITIES

At all times does our National Organization seek to meet its purpose in "enlisting and co-ordinating the man-power of our Evangelical and Reformed Churches for the cultivation of the Christian life, through study, prayer, fellowship and service, and for the support and success of the whole program of the Church in the local congregation, the community, the denomination and the world at large."

The activities of our chapters prove that we are gradually heading toward and meeting these great purposes. It is easily understood, that organized on these broad principles and with these large objectives in view, the Churchmen's Brotherhood has not committed or confined itself to a mere raising of monies for the work of the Church, although this is considered important. The records do prove however, that those churches which have organized chapters, which function properly, do raise larger amounts for the benevolent work of the denomination and for the local church and interests, than before their establishment.

The activities of our men are quite extended and growing more so from day to day, as leadership is developed among them. One may find the members of the Churchmen's Brotherhood engaged in administrative, evangelistic, educational, social, humanitarian and civic work, and in many other spheres where the leadership of Christian men counts for definite advance moves in religious work. Three of the important objectives of our Churchmen's Brotherhood are:

First: Church attendance of men. Our men must grow to be better churchmen. We aim to have the Churchmen's Brotherhood accept responsibility not only for the attendance of its own members but the stimulation of attendance upon worship service on the part of all the men in the congregation. After all, our *Christian men must go to church* if they would worship and catch the inspiration and spirit for Christian service.

Secondly: To develop religion in the home, not only in the establishment of the Family Altar, and the creation of a spiritual atmosphere, but to lift the relationship of parents toward one another and to their children to the highest spiritual standards, and to make Christ the Lord and companion in a Christian home and a real force and factor in the development of Christian character.

Thirdly: To acquaint men with the work of the Church and to have them participate in it and support it more liberally. Locally, our chapters are very active in raising pastors' salaries, conducting Kingdom Roll Call work, in improving and beautifying properties and in contributing to the uplift of the community. Many of our chapters are interested in boys' work, in the care of delinquent children and sponsoring work among the Juniors and in giving men a new start in life in this period of depression and moral and economic upset and distress. The possibilities of Christian men, who are filled with the Spirit of Christ, are simply immense and immeasurable and a need for their leadership is glaringly apparent in this day of religious indifference.

EDUCATION

Our Churchmen's Brotherhood is more and more determined to build up its work on sound educational principles, co-operating with the agencies established in our Church, such as the Council of Adult Education, making for a unified program for men in the local church and denomination. One of the means through which we propose to develop the mind, the faith, the spirit and the interest of our men, is the use of our monthly topics, selected with great care and prepared by competent laymen and other leaders, for monthly study. Wherever this educational program is being conscientiously used, definite results are obtained. At least, they point the way, through discussion methods, to the making of a Christian philosophy of life and Christian attitudes on important problems which the layman faces in his every-day life and contacts.

Social activities are helpful only in the measure in which they make a spirit of willingness on the part of the men to think together on higher levels and throw themselves with all of their abilities and capacities into definite Christian service.

PROMOTION

Various means are being used to promote our National Organization. Through personal contacts of the Secretaries with local churches and the co-operation of members of the National Board, of District and State Federations, of Synodical and Classical committees and of individual chapters, our Churchmen's Brotherhood is expanding in number of chapters, in development of leaders, and in church-wide influence.

The holding of Men's Congresses, Retreats and Conventions brings the Churchmen's Brotherhood prominently before the Church.

The finest kind of promotion is that stated by one of our Presidents of a local chapter, when he said, "The Churchmen's Brotherhood helps us laymen to *lead the Christian life*." That is the highest form of Evangelism and compensates for all efforts and expenses made in promoting our National Organization.

PROSPECTS

As stated by Dr. E. S. Fretz, our National Vice-President, in a recent report: "The Churchmen's Brotherhood is just coming into its stride and is on the way to a larger life and usefulness in the denomination." It is the ambition of the President of our National Board to make the Churchmen's Brotherhood the right arm of every pastor in the local church and a loyal co-worker with every Board and Institution of the Church.

The days ahead seem bright with promise and never before have we felt the need of co-operative effort challenging the men of every church, of every organization in the church, the Chapters, the Bible Classes, the Clubs to a united front and a united effort in bringing in the Kingdom of God and standing for the highest things in the ecclesiastical, moral, social, economic and political life of the nation and the world.

FINANCE

Your Churchmen's Brotherhood greatly appreciates the support given by the General Synod to our work during the past two years. The Board of Directors of the "E" group has contributed regularly the amount of \$150.00 per month from its budget. The "R" group, through its Executive Committee and through the apportionment of 7/10 cents per member, has had provided funds for its current work. In addition to this, the chapters themselves are contributing about \$1,200.00 per year and individual sponsors and interested laymen, the amount of \$800.00. This amount, of course, is not nearly adequate to meet the needs of our growing work. It is not even sufficient to maintain the work at its present status.

We are convinced that every financial investment in the Churchmen's Brotherhood on the part of the Church will bring the richest returns in years to come and that whatever help is given now through the General Synod will help us to maintain our Churchmen's Brotherhood during this stage, when we are expanding church-wide, nation-wide and gradually drawing into our circle more of the 200,000 splendid men who make up our membership. It is our hope that more laymen may support this work, so that the Churchmen's Brotherhood may have an independent life and in years to come be supported wholly by the contributions of the men in the Church. At present this is not the case and we will need and appreciate the help of the General Synod. We pledge ourselves in return to support the entire program of the Church, as presented by the General Synod.

CALLED TO THEIR REWARD

On Sunday morning, December 14, 1937, we lost one of our valuable Executive Secretaries, the Rev. H. L. Streich. This loss is sorely felt by our entire organization, for Brother Streich, for many years, gave his talents to the work of our men. He had many friends, not only in our Church, but in other denominations as well. The vacancy caused by his death has been filled by the election of the Rev. E. J. Westerbeck

of Columbia, Ill., to act as Executive Secretary on a part-time basis while serving his own church. The Board has decided to honor the memory of Rev. H. L. Streich in some fitting way.

Early on Easter morning, God called from this life our brother and co-worker, Dr. Edward Hohman of Chicago, Ill. Brother Hohman was an intelligent and trustful member of our Board and his departure has created a deplorable vacancy in our ranks. The Board has filled this vacancy by electing Attorney John W. Mueller to fill his position.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Preparations are being made for a proper recognition and celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the former Evangelical Brotherhood which, for a period of 25 years, has been organized and performed appreciable services among the men of the Church.

We respectfully submit the following for action:

1. That the General Synod accept the assurance of sincere loyalty and co-operation on the part of the Churchmen's Brotherhood with a view to enlisting the man-power of our entire Church in the success of the program as framed and presented by the General Synod.

2. That the General Synod view with favor the efforts on the part of our national organization to bring into a more intimate fellowship and solidarity the men of our churches and to intensify their interest in the work of the Church and in the whole Christian enterprise. We aim to bring men to an intelligent understanding of and a fervent devotion to the task of Christ and His solution of the religious, social and pressing economic problems of this age.

3. That General Synod through the constituent Synods and Districts recommend to the individual churches the *establishment of chapters* of the Churchmen's Brotherhood in every church and the *federation of all men's groups* into working units for more effective social and spiritual action in the establishment and advancement of the Kingdom of God.

4. That the General Synod endorse with heartiness the holding of regional Conventions, such as the Churchmen's Convention to be held at Salem Church, Harrisburg, November 1-2, 1938, and others as may be planned for our western district, and especially the holding of our Quadrennial Convention of the Churchmen's Brotherhood at Chicago in 1940.

5. That the General Synod continue its financial support of the work of the Churchmen's Brotherhood for the current years 1939-40 as recommended by its Budget and Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Signed: W. H. Witthaus, President, St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. E. S. Fretz, Collegeville, Pa.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Evangelical Brotherhood & Reformed Churchmen's League
(united August, 1936)

February 1, 1936—February 1, 1938

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasuries	\$ 726.91
Dues	2,978.00
Personal gifts and sponsors	1,886.19
Budget—Evan. Synod, and Reformed Church.....	5,949.78
Convention, Buffalo, N. Y., 1936.....	1,614.58
Churchmen's Brotherhood (monthly publication)	311.22
Student Support	158.50
Literature and Emblems	1,128.09
Miscellaneous	373.04
Loan (Evangelical Synod)	500.00
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	\$15,626.31

DISBURSEMENTS

Administration, office help	\$ 1,059.06
Rent	293.69
Travel—Board and Secretaries	1,244.20
Salaries—Secretaries Streich, Darms, Truxal	6,053.00
Work Fund	1,463.28
Postage and printing	2,116.29
Emblems	222.60
Convention, Buffalo, 1936	1,946.38
Miscellaneous	383.03
Student Support	131.20
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	\$14,912.73

Receipts	\$15,626.31
Disbursements	14,912.73

Balance, Feb. 1, 1938.....	\$ 713.58
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H. W. Schultheis,
J. Q. Truxal.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL WOMEN'S UNION

To the General Synod:

The Women's Union has experienced two years of steady growth in service in the Kingdom through its various projects.

1937 has been an epoch-making year, in that it had the most successful convention ever held in history when more than 2100 women participated in a four-day session of inspiration, information and fellowship at St. Louis, Missouri. The convention left a great challenge to the whole constituency—"Live Creatively with Christ" in the church, in the community, in the home and in the world.

The themes used for the coming quadrennium are an outgrowth of the Convention theme,

1937—In the Church
1938—In the Community
1939—In the Home
1940—In the World

They lend themselves admirably to the work and influence of our six departments. They provide an open channel for the projects of these departments.

1937 has also been a turning point in the road, in that the pioneer leader, the Rev. H. L. Streich, of this organization gave the torch he had held high so long, into younger hands and took his leave from women's work. Not long after he also laid down the full armor of God he had worn so many years as a true soldier of Christ and departed from this life to serve with his Maker in a land where physical handicaps are no more. Ever must the Evangelical Women's Union revere his memory, for he was a true pioneer and a champion for its cause.

It was with a real feeling of thankfulness that in our office was one so well qualified to take over the duties of Executive Secretary of the Women's Union. Mrs. Reichenbach, we knew, could take over these duties not only in name but in a most efficient and capable manner. She was the unanimous choice of the board as Rev. Streich's successor. She lives and thinks Women's Union work and is giving her best to its cause. Miss Lee Schumann resigned to continue to serve the Brotherhood. Miss Luella Meyer, who had served loyally for three years, was retained. She, too, had proven her worth. By nature quiet, she is an ideal office secretary. Miss Kathleen Brucker came into the office in September. She, too, is proving a valuable worker. The Women's Union is fortunate to have people employed in the office who are not only efficient but who take a personal interest in the program of our women.

MERGER DEVELOPMENTS

The two national bodies of the women's societies of the Evangelical and Reformed Church are continuing to develop a united educational program. A visitation to every woman not affiliated with the women's societies was carried out simultaneously in both groups with a great measure of success.

Two meetings of the Set-Up Committee (a small group chosen by the two respective presidents of the two National Organizations) were held. The first one was held in Webster Groves prior to the National Convention, the second preceded the meeting of the Commission on Merger which was held November 15 and 16, in Columbus, Ohio.

The date for the Merger Convention of the women of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is set for November, 1939, somewhere in the middle West, preferably Ohio or Indiana, at which time temporary officers will be elected and an ad interim constitution presented for adoption. A permanent constitution is to be created which will be ready for adoption in 1941. This procedure is so planned that the unorganized societies of the Reformed Church may also have representatives on the constitution committee.

The eighteenth Triennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held May 31—June 4, in Akron, Ohio. The Board of Directors of the Evangelical Women's Union has been invited to attend and will return the visit made by the Woman's Missionary Society delegates at the Women's Union national convention.

OUR CONSTITUENCY

Three new federations came into being during 1937, all in rural areas. Southwestern Kansas, Southeastern Nebraska and Northeastern Iowa, all of them are promising organizations. Another smaller group ventured forth in Minnesota. In Central Iowa in the fall a group of Reformed Ladies' Aids and Women's Union societies voted to form a federation.

IN DISTRICT UNIONS AND FEDERATIONS

Officers' Conferences have been held in Buffalo, Northwest Ohio, Metropolitan, Baltimore, Rochester, St. Louis, Evansville and West Ohio this year. New York District Union will have a series of them during February. North Illinois will have them in April and May. One of the finest pieces of promotional work ever witnessed was in the new federation in Western Iowa. The president personally drove her car and with the executive secretary visited every society in her federation. The itinerary covered 1072 miles to visit 17 societies. But it was intensely worthwhile.

Another splendid phase of promotional work within the District Unions is the Women's Union at Work. All District Unions but one are publishing the same. They are echoing and re-echoing the information presented in the national bulletin.

Great conventions are being held by all the District Unions. They are young national conventions and bring enthusiasm to hundreds and hundreds. The Board of Directors takes recognition of the special Memorial Services to honor their pioneer leader, the Rev. H. L. Streich, which have been conducted by the various federations.

GLEANINGS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS

Here are some of the results of our efforts in which thousands have had a part:

	1936	1937
Societies Using Monthly Program.....	950	975
Monthly Programs Ordered	40,000	42,250
Women's Union Libraries	81	96
Volumes	1,061	1,636
No. Receiving Reading Course Awards.....	93	100
Daily Talks with God Sold.....	5,067	5,841
Number of Family Devotions.....	3,342	3,369
Subscriptions for Church Papers.....	1,186	1,109
Sick Visits Made	24,890	27,244
Pieces of Literature Distributed.....	13,658	10,845
Societies Observing "Lenten Quiet Hour".....	218	231
Attendance	8,501	10,715
Societies Observing Day of Prayer for Missions.....	356	371
Federations Observing Day of Prayer for Missions....	7	11
Total Attendance	11,634	14,160
New Members of Mission Prayer Circle.....	397	98
Mission Study Classes	118	126
Attendance	1,329	2,143
Mission Institutes	13	7
Attendance	2,949	6,535
Societies Using Thank-offering Boxes.....	433	429
Individuals Using Thank-offering Boxes.....	7,713	9,767
Societies Promoting Christian Citizenship.....	410	172
No. of Times Christian Citizenship was Presented....	1,110	1,388
No. Reading the Christian Citizenship Reading Packet	527	763

KINGDOM GIVING FOR THE YEAR

A. To and through the Women's Union		
1. Dues (Contingent Fund)	\$ 4,476.64	\$ 4,515.07
2. Day of Prayer Offering	1,099.01	1,272.67
3. Student Aid Fund	2,114.78	2,484.30
4. Thank-offering	7,824.69	8,978.15
5. Sustaining Membership	779.00	1,150.00
6. 15th Anniversary Love Gift.....	4,229.88	454.55

7. Mission Offering:	1936	1937
Migrant Work		5.00
Conv. Morioka Japan		116.66
Conv. Winnebago Indian School.....		71.54
Conv. Lepers at Mahasamund.....		71.53
Total.....	\$ 20,524.00	\$19,119.47
	1936	1937
B. Special Projects of Federations and District Unions	\$ 17,447.55	\$ 20,511.10
C. Local Societies		
1. To Local Church	\$163,371.04	\$199,591.31
2. To Missions	13,976.67	11,848.29
3. Special Gifts to Synod.....	6,572.71	5,366.36
4. Social Service and Institutions.....	12,991.25	18,260.66
Total.....	\$196,911.67	\$235,066.62
Grand Total.....	\$234,883.22	\$274,697.19
Contributions through Social Welfare Department in		
1. Foodstuffs and clothing and recreational supplies		\$10,882.38
2. Hours of Service		24,699

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

According to the constitution of the Women's Union six members of the Board of Directors are elected in convention, four of which take office immediately, the remainder, two years hence. Three are appointed by the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod N.A. (Board of Directors acting in lieu of the General Conference.) One member is elected by the Board of Directors.

The following were elected in convention:

President—Mrs. Hugo Schuessler, Evansville, Indiana
 First Vice President—Mrs. Wm. J. Kennel, St. Louis, Missouri
 Third Vice President—Mrs. J. C. Voeks, Palatine, Illinois
 Fourth Vice President—Mrs. T. Wobus, Grand Junction, Colo.
 Secretary—Mrs. Ida Wagner, Sandusky, Ohio
 Treasurer—Mrs. O. Brummer, Wood River, Illinois

Appointed by the Board of Directors of Evangelical Synod of N. A.:

Mrs. E. J. F. Dettbarn, Baltimore, Md.
 Rev. O. Walter Wagner, Jackson, Michigan
 Rev. Albert G. Gönser, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Elected by the Board of Directors, Women's Union:

Second Vice President—Mrs. A. E. Schnell, Wheeling, West Va.

Those serving at present, terms expiring February, 1939:

Secretary—Mrs. O. Reichert, Bellevue, Kentucky
 Treasurer—Mrs. Emma J. Abele, Boonville, Missouri
 Second Vice President—Mrs. A. F. Kleykamp, St. Louis, Mo.

THE PROJECTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

*General Education Department**Our Projects*

The Monthly Program is used widely, in about 1000 societies.

The Reading Course is growing annually. Reports show 527 Readers with 100 receiving awards. It is being promoted with greater emphasis and success, 225 awards were given out in 1936 and 1937.

Parent Training. Parent Training Institutes are especially stressed in April and May of each year.

Women's Union Library. There are 96 Women's Union Libraries, 1,636 volumes.

Church Paper Campaign. 198 Societies took part in the Church Paper Campaign and 1,109 new subscriptions were procured. This is less than formerly.

Synodical Information is now very important. The new constitution is recommended for study in our Federation meetings for 1938 and 1939.

Missionary Education Department

Evangelical and Reformed Day of Prayer for Missions on Ascension Day. We find that this is a steadily growing project, 371 societies and 11 Federations had such a service in 1937. The offering also exceeded that of the year 1936.

Mission Study Classes receive great emphasis in this department. The books recommended by the Missionary Education Movement together with "Beside All Waters" by Schaeffer, "The End of the Beginning" by Casselman, "We Are Fifteen in Honduras" and "Re-thinking Our Task in India" have been widely read.

Mission Institutes were held in the following Federations—North-west Ohio, St. Louis, South Central Indiana, South Ohio, Baltimore and Buffalo. These were very successful. Every city federation should conduct a Mission Institute or School of Missions.

World Day of Prayer. Our societies co-operate with interdenominational organizations on this day. Our office supplies programs and promotional literature and assists in every way to promote this interdenominational project.

Missionary Papers are read by our members through their promotion by this department.

Missionary giving is stressed after the obligations of the church to the Kingdom Work are met.

Devotional Life Department

Fellowship with Christ Visitation was one of the largest visitations the Women's Union has had in years. Much abundant fruit is expected of the same. 20,000 leaflets were distributed to members of the Women's Union but particularly through a house to house visitation to women not yet affiliated with the society.

Visit the Sick and Shut-ins. 27,244 visits were reported. Our women are faithful in visiting the sick and shut-ins and in bringing them Christian literature.

Church Attendance. 183 societies promoted this.

Bible Study. The Reading Course suggests the reading of definite books in the Bible. This is for home reading. Bible Institutes are held in a number of our federations annually.

Lenten Quiet Hour is advancing steadily from 3000 programs and 100 Guides in 1933 to 10,000 programs and 600 Guides in 1938.

Family Devotions are ever our chief concern. 3,369 families reported Family Devotions this year. The Daily Talks with God, the Upper Room, With God and Friends Each Day, Thoughts of God are being used.

Christian Stewardship Department

Thank-offering. 429 societies reported using boxes, 9,767 boxes were reported used, an increase of 2,054 boxes. The monies were equally divided between the Women's Receiving Room, Tilda Hospital, India and the School of Mahasamund, India; 2) The Ozark Work, and 3) Relief of the Ministerial Pension and Relief Fund. The projects for 1938 are the same as previously except the Foreign Mission project which is now the Evangelistic Work at Chandrapur, India.

Student Aid Fund. To date this fund amounts to \$10,506.38. The Sixth National Convention voted that the project should be closed when the sum of \$12,000.00 should be reached, and that any sums contributed after that should be used for Scholarships.

Kingdom Giving. The societies have been generous in their contributions to the Synodical Budget and the Debt Liquidation Fund. \$11,939.07 was reported given in 1936 and 1937. Since, according to statistics, women are responsible for the greater part of the family's outlay of money, it is important that information on the needs of the church be regularly disseminated in the societies.

The Anniversary Love Gift now amounts to \$4,689.43. It will be closed when the goal, \$5,000.00, is reached.

The Sustaining Membership. We have now 44 Members in Memoriam, 54 Life Members and 104 Patrons. The goal before the Merger Convention is to attain 100 Members in Memoriam, 100 Life Members, and 200 Patrons.

It is a coincidence that the name of our first Executive Secretary, Rev. Streich, is the first to be transferred from Life Membership to Membership in Memoriam, and the second member to be thus transferred is his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Schaefer, of Minersville, Ohio.

The Fellowship of Direct Givers is enjoying a steady growth. Although only ten months old, it has an enrollment of ten societies and five individual pastors and chairmen. A Round Robin letter is being circulated to which each member of the Fellowship is asked to add his bit of encouragement. The fact that other denominations are actively encouraging "direct giving" and "proportionate giving" should be an encouragement to continue to strive to enlarge this Fellowship in our Union. Many of these conscientious members have registered complaint against the denominational periodical, in that it carries advertising material on "How Societies Can Make Easy Money" and promotes the sale of metal sponges and such articles of no religious value. May we strengthen their hands by leaving such advertising out of our periodicals.

Christian Citizenship Department

1938 ought to be a year of opportunity for the Citizenship Department, for "Living Creatively in the Community" is distinctly a Christian Citizenship emphasis. Every society should do at least one constructive thing for its community.

War. The Women's Union is calling upon all its forces to send petitions to the congressmen, demanding that our young men will not be sent to the battle front again, that ships and citizens now in dangerous territory should be recalled or allowed to remain at their own risk. These petitions should be sent on Mother's Day.

United effort. In unity there is strength. We saw that in the clean-up of the movies. Now let's get after the gambling in the churches

and by church people. In some states the churches are endeavoring to close the eyes of the government officers to gambling for charitable purposes. Thank God for some conscientious Protestant ministers and laymen who objected strenuously to that. No doubt it had some influence in prompting recent decrees from certain Bishops of the Catholic Church, in which they forbid gambling and dancing in the church.

Other Citizenship Objectives. Each of our objectives needs intense promotion. It is difficult to choose any particular objective for action, since the occasions demanding action vary in different communities. Hence we can only promote the educational features and urge action as the occasions arise.

The Social Welfare Department

In reviewing the work of the past year in this department, our mind's eyes visualize our good women engaged in loving service, so typical of our loyal Christian women. They have given freely of their sympathetic interests and talents, of their time and gifts, in order to help the unfortunate and destitute, spreading cheer and radiating the light of Christian love.

It is gratifying to note that the majority of societies in federations are active in this department. Our societies responded generously to calls from the Synodical offices for contributions to churches in the flood area last spring.

Financial Statement

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

February 1, 1936, to January 31, 1938

Thank-offering	\$16,521.24
Anniversary Love Gift	4,629.08
Ascension Day Offering	2,371.68
Convention Registrations	6,859.00
Convention Reports	394.10
Dues	8,916.71
Sale of Literature	5,930.16
Sale of Emblems	209.00
Budget Quota	1,816.95
Women's Union at Work.....	2.00
Sustaining Membership	1,847.00
Migrant Work	45.00
Goetsch Memorial	11.75
Dividends from Closed Bank.....	48.10
Executive Board Refund	125.00
Miscellaneous	3,735.27
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	53,462.04
Less Tax Deducted by Bank.....	\$177.67
Emergency Check Withdrawn	21.68
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	199.35

Remitted to Treasurer in Current Year..... \$53,262.69

H. L. Streich, Financial Secretary to August 1, 1937
Mrs. Elsa Reichenbach, Financial Secretary

Audited and found correct annually

E. W. Hergesell, February 10, 1937

Wm. J. Kennel, January 29, 1938

REPORT OF TREASURER

February 1, 1936 to January 31, 1938

Balance	\$ 1,643.35
Received from Financial Secretary for current years.....	53,262.69
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	\$54,906.04

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 8,931.46
Office Rent and Telephone.....	570.89
Contingent Fund and Postage.....	2,917.56
Literature and Supplies	3,735.90
Office Supplies	744.52
Expenses Executive Board and Field Work.....	2,213.63
Emblems	100.38
Literature — Free	1,005.85
Migrant Work	45.00
Student Aid	15.00
Merger Commission Expense	62.50
Miscellaneous Expenses	77.76
Loan to Synod	2,500.00
Equipment	171.36
Audit and Treasurer's Bond.....	12.50
Payments to Interdenominational Boards	
Council of Women for Home Missions.....	110.00
Foreign Missions Conference	100.00
Delegate to Interdenominational Conference...	25.00
Council of Missionary Education.....	100.00
Correlated Council of Adult Education.....	25.00
Convention Expenses	6,074.29
Convention Offerings	
Winnebago Indian School.....\$ 71.53	
Board of Foreign Missions for Lepers..	71.54
Rev. G. Schroer, for teapots sold.....	116.66
Miss Vordenburg, Honduras Art.....	10.20
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	269.93
Madeline Island Parsonage	625.00
Emmaus Institutions	200.00
Goetsch Memorial	11.75
Thank-offering	16,588.86
Love Gift	4,458.60
Ascension Day (Day of Prayer).....	2,371.68
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Total Disbursements	54,064.42
Balance Cash on Hand.....	<hr/>
	\$ 841.62

EMMA J. ABELE, Treasurer

Audited and found correct annually

E. W. Hergesell, Auditor, February 10, 1937*Wm. J. Kennel*, Auditor, February 5, 1938

In closing the Board of Directors would heartily thank all for sincere work well done. For the loyalty and willing service of Miss Luella Meyer and Miss Kathleen Brucker, sincere appreciation; especially, Mrs. Reichenbach for handling an unusually difficult year with understanding and willingness to serve.

Into the hands of the God whom we love and His Son whom we serve, we place our will and our efforts for the coming year.

Mrs. Hugo Schuessler, President
 Mrs. Wm. J. Kennel, First Vice President
 Mrs. A. F. Kleykamp, Second Vice President
 Mrs. J. C. Voeks, Third Vice President
 Mrs. T. Wobus, Fourth Vice President
 Mrs. O. Reichert, Secretary
 Mrs. Emma J. Abele, Treasurer
 Mrs. E. J. Dettbarn, Member-at-Large
 Rev. O. Walter Wagner, Pastoral Adviser
 Rev. A. G. Gonser, Pastoral Adviser
 Mrs. Elsa Reichenbach, Executive Secretary

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF GENERAL SYNOD (Reformed)

To the General Synod:

"To be a strong hand in the dark to another in a time of need, to be a cup of strength to a human soul in a crisis of weakness, is to know the glory of life." This seems to convey the thought that is in the hearts of the women in our missionary family as they deem it a privilege to so happily serve the Church in carrying out its programme of world-wide evangelization.

The Woman's Missionary Society appreciates the opportunity to report some of the distinctive service that the women of the Church have been contributing for many years.

On June second, in connection with the 18th Triennial Convention held in Akron, Ohio, the organization celebrated its 50th Anniversary. A challenging programme was planned for the occasion. Four of the former Presidents were in attendance, among them Mrs. Ella Hahn, of Philadelphia, Pa., who is the only living charter member.

The records show that during the years the organization has contributed to the Missionary Boards of the Church the sum of \$2,502,117.99. This does not include the first six years, of which there is no record of the money given, as the sums were sent direct to the Boards.

The work of the organization has gone steadily forward these past two years. Increase either in interest, participation or numerical gain have been manifested in all the Departments of work. In Organization and Membership, we now report 806 societies and 21,033 members. Stewardship results are gratifying. The Thank Offering reflects the value of Stewardship as we have again this year an increased offering of several thousand dollars. The desire for good Literature is growing annually. Life Membership and Christian Citizenship show a steady, healthy growth.

The women have contributed materially to the support of the work administered by the several Boards of the Church. This past year the chapel auditorium of Miyagi College, Sendai, Japan, has been completed, the fund of \$35,000 having been supplied by the womans organization. During the past two years, \$7000 due for interest on notes from the Board of Home Missions has been cancelled.

All phases of work are included in the budget, and funds for the same were distributed through:

The Board of Foreign Missions—for Miyagi College; Evangelistic work in Japan, China and Iraq; Medical work in China and India; German Refugees; Christian Literature; Educational work in Japan, China, Iraq, India, Honduras.

The Board of Home Missions and Interdenominational Board—Deaconesses; Japanese work on the Coast; Winnebago Indians, both the school and the Mission, the Ozark Mountains, 20,000 Club membership, General work of the Board, Church Building Funds; Migrant work; John Milton Foundation; and the Joint Co-operative Indian work.

The Board of Christian Education—Missionary Unit in Graded Sunday-school Quarterly and papers; Temperance Literature.

Total disbursements for the years 1937 and 1938 amounted to \$272,530.34.

The women are a part of the Correlating Council on Adult Education, and through the Educational Commission promote the work of the unified programme as adopted by the Council.

Also, the women have assumed their share of funds needed to carry on the work of the Co-operative Council of Missionary Education and the support of the Director.

The value of an educational programme is being emphasized through the three age-groups, work among the children, girls and women. During the past two years, much time has been spent in trying to interest all women in the work of the Church through instructive monthly programmes, summer schools, conferences, coaching schools and institutes. Also, we have been promoting the idea of one women's organization in the Church, by informing the constituency of the larger possibilities of the new organization "The Women's Guild." The results have been gratifying.

We are affiliated with the work of the Interdenominational Boards and support the same; also, we are a member of the International Union, which is composed of Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches in the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

We wish to express our appreciation to the pastors and laymen of the Church for their interest and co-operation in the women's organization. We are grateful for the success of the work in the past years. We are hopeful and have a large vision for the years that lie before us. The future is great with opportunity. Everywhere there are wide open doors, but guidance is needed to stress the work that will do most toward bringing in the Kingdom of God. We pray that we may be victorious in this work.

Mrs. F. William Leich, President

THE COMMISSION ON MERGER

Evangelical Women's Union and Woman's Missionary Society of Evangelical and Reformed Church

To the General Synod:

The members of the Commission on Merger of the women's national organizations of the church feel that remarkable progress has been made since they met for the first time in June, 1934.

Educationally, the work is being coordinated. Annually the Educational Commission of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod and the Educational Committee of the Evangelical Women's Union meet for this purpose. As a result the two groups have the following in common: Topics for the monthly educational program, the Reading Course, Stewardship and Christian Citizenship Reading Packets, and a program for the denominational Day of Prayer for Missions on Ascension Day.

Each group is a constituent member of the Correlating Council on Adult Education and the Co-operative Council on Missionary Education.

During this year the entire womanhood of the Evangelical and Reformed Church united in the Fellowship of Going Deeper through a program of Visitation Evangelism. A leaflet entitled "Fellowship with Christ," containing suggested prayer thoughts, was presented to every woman visited. The members of the Girls' Missionary Guilds of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod are also using the prayer suggestions. Approximately 50,000 of this leaflet were circulated.

A united Thank Offering Box has been created. Without having realized it the two groups found themselves united in a Thank Offering project—the building of a bungalow-parsonage at Shannondale, Missouri. Exchange "good will" itineraries have been made by the executive secretaries. Officers of each organization are constantly being asked to speak at meetings of the other.

The date for the Merger Convention has been set for early November, 1939, at which time an ad interim Constitution will be presented for adoption and the Set-up for the Women's Guilds, local, regional, synodical and national, will be presented for approval. Immediately after, the re-alignment of the women's organizations will be made, for, to function properly, the new Set-up will have to follow the pattern determined upon by the Church.

In view of the fact that the Women's Guild is to be an auxiliary organization of the Church, including all of the women's organized societies, it must necessarily proceed slowly, for a third group, at present not nationally organized, must be included.

The Commission on Merger is looking forward to far greater service by the merged society than either group has been able to give in the past.

Carrie M. Kerschner,
Secretary, The Commission on Merger

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Your Committee notes with great satisfaction the noteworthy action of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League in leading the way in their prompt response to the request of our first General Synod held at Cleveland, Ohio, in June, 1934, "that boards and other agencies of the united Church enter into merger negotiations as soon as possible."

Merger Committees were appointed as follows: *Evangelical*—Mr. O. C. Grueninger, Rev. W. J. Hausmann, Mr. W. C. Hazlebeck, Dr. E. H. Hohman, Mr. W. H. Schultheis, Rev. H. L. Streich, Mr. W. H. Witthaus; *Reformed*—Mr. Marshall Anspach, Jr., Rev. Chas. Freeman, Mr. E. S. Fretz, Mr. H. C. Knecht, Dr. Wm. E. Lampe, Judge D. J. Snyder, Mr. L. P. Teel, Mr. J. I. Truxal, Dr. J. M. G. Darms, Mr. Edw. Hartman.

These Merger Committees met at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, May 14, 1935, and united into a Commission on Merger of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League, electing Mr. E. S. Fretz as chairman, Mr. W. H. Witthaus, vice-chairman and Rev. H. L. Streich, secretary.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Auxiliary Organizations has reviewed the reports of the Churchmen's Brotherhood, the Evangelical Women's Union, the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod (Reformed), and an Overture from the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, which was referred to this committee, and the Report of the Commission on Merger of the Evangelical Women's Union and the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The committee presents the following recommendations:

A. Churchmen's Brotherhood

1) The General Synod accepts the assurance of sincere loyalty and cooperation on the part of the Churchmen's Brotherhood with a view to enlisting the man-power of our entire Church in the success of the program as framed and presented by the General Synod.

2) The General Synod views with favor the efforts on the part of this national organization to bring into a more intimate fellowship and solidarity the men of our churches and to identify their interest in the work of the Church and in the whole Christian enterprise.

3) The General Synod through the constituent Synods, Classes and Districts, recommends to the individual churches the establishment of chapters of the Churchmen's Brotherhood in every church and the federation of all men's groups into working units for more effective social and spiritual action in the establishment and advancement of the Kingdom of God.

4) The General Synod endorses with heartiness the holding of Regional Conventions such as the Churchmen's Convention to be held at Salem Church, Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 1-2, 1938, and others as may be planned for the western districts, and also, the holding of the Quadrennial Convention of the Churchmen's Brotherhood at Chicago, Ill., in 1940.

5) The General Synod votes to continue its financial support of the work of the Churchmen's Brotherhood for the next biennium as recommended by its budget and finance committee.

6) The General Synod urges upon the Churchmen's Brotherhood the employment of one full-time secretary to replace the two part-time secretaries now serving, by the time of the Quadrennial Convention in Chicago in 1940.

7) Since the Churchmen's Brotherhood is the official Men's Organization of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and in view of the desire to unify all of the existing men's organizations in both groups, the General Synod earnestly requests that the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, and all other men's organizations, not as yet affiliated, join forces with those of the Churchmen's Brotherhood as soon as possible.

B. Evangelical Women's Union

The Evangelical Women's Union, the Women's Department of the Evangelical Synod, has experienced a steady growth in service in the Kingdom through its various projects in the departments of work during the past 16 years. Your committee recommends the following:

1) The General Synod notes with appreciation the 6th National Convention, held in St. Louis, May, 1937, in which 2100 women participated in a four-day session of inspiration, information and fellowship, and, the great challenge to the whole constituency to, "live creatively with Christ" in the Church, in the community, in the home, and in the world and commends:

- a) The development of the spiritual life by increased Bible study, daily devotions in the home, church attendance.
- b) Its Church Paper Campaign in which 1109 new subscriptions were procured in 1937.
- c) Missionary Education through Mission Institutes, missionary giving and Prayer Day for Missions.
- d) Kingdom Giving, the generous support to the Synodical Budget and Debt Liquidation Campaign.

- e) Student Aid Fund, which has reached the amount of \$10,-506.38 and has enabled over one hundred students to enter or continue their studies at Elmhurst and Eden.
- 2) The General Synod heartily endorses the "Fellowship of Direct Givers" sponsored by the Evangelical Women's Union and suggests that wider publicity be given to the promotion of this Fellowship in the whole Church.
- 3) The General Synod instructs the Board of Publications to eliminate such advertising as should be in conflict with the "Fellowship of Direct Givers."
- 4) The General Synod, now in session, condemns as unchristian and unlawful all forms of gambling and questionable means of money-raising in the churches and by church people.

C. Woman's Missionary Society

Your Committee has taken cognizance of the report and recommends the following:

- 1) The General Synod commends the Woman's Missionary Society of the Church for the distinctive service it has been contributing for many years in the missionary work of the Church as indicated in the following projects:
 - a) The Educational Program emphasized through the three-aged groups: children, girls and women—and the instructive program in summer schools, conferences and Missionary Institutes.
 - b) The promotion of the idea of one women's organization in the local church by informing the constituency of the larger possibilities of the new organization, the "Women's Guild."
- 2) The General Synod notes with appreciation the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society and expresses its gratitude for the material support given the Missionary Boards of the Reformed Church during the past 50 years in contributing the total sum of \$2,502,117.99.

D. The Commission on Merger

- 1) The General Synod notes the progress of the Merger of the Evangelical Women's Union and the Woman's Missionary Society in co-ordinating their work in the Fellowship with Christ, a program of Visitation Evangelism, their Educational Program and their first United Thank Offering project, the building of a bungalow-parsonage at Shannondale, Missouri.
- 2) The General Synod commends the two women's organizations in culminating their Merger in November, 1939.
- 3) The General Synod requests the Classes of the "R" group, now existing, to cooperate with the Commission by appointing two women as official delegates to the Merger Convention, and where necessary to pay the expenses of said women.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. R. C. Haas
James R. Shepley
L. C. F. Miller
Edward E. Zeckel
Paul Traeger
Dr. G. W. Hartman
Wm. A. Fuzy
W. H. Witthaus
Mrs. Mae Friday Ashbrook*

The foregoing report was made on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. R. C. Haas, Chairman. It was considered and action taken as follows:—

Items 1 to 5 and 7 in Section A were severally adopted.

Item 6 was tabled.

On Item 7 the following resolution, offered by the Rev. Charles F. Freeman, was discussed and adopted.

“In answer to a request from the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip through its Executive Committee to the General Synod asking that the same question—what is its status in the Evangelical and Reformed Church—submitted in an overture of two years ago—and again renewed this year, we would respectfully reply:

That, to the best of our knowledge the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip may have been an official men’s organization of the Reformed Church at one time. That, after inquiry, we find it impossible to state definitely whether, as such an organization, it was ever dissolved. We are sorry that through error or oversight or misunderstanding the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip was perhaps not given the recognition that may have been in place at the time when the men’s organization of the new Church was formed.

Since the Churchmen’s Brotherhood has been formed as the official Men’s Organization of the merged Church, we find it impossible to recognize more than one official men’s organization in the united Church and we can therefore not give the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip an official recognition as a men’s organization in the Church.

We respectfully invite the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip to take the necessary steps so that, at the next convention of the Churchmen’s Brotherhood to be held in the city of Chicago in 1940, it may be prepared to unite and become a part of the Churchmen’s Brotherhood and work unitedly with us as one men’s organization in the new Church.

Section A was then adopted as a whole.

Under Section “B”—Evangelical Women’s Union—Mrs. Hugo Schuessler, president Evangelical Women’s Union, spoke briefly.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted and this section then adopted as a whole.

Under Section “C”—Woman’s Missionary Society, Mrs. F. W. Leich, President of the Woman’s Missionary Society, addressed the General Synod, and *Items 1 and 2* were then adopted.

Under Section “D”—Commission on Merger, Mrs. Elsa Reichenbach, Executive Secretary of Evangelical Women’s Union, spoke briefly after which *Items 1, 2 and 3* were adopted.

Sections C and D were then adopted as a whole, and the entire report finally adopted as a whole.

16. Youth Organizations

The *Report of the Committee on Youth Organization* (which Committee was appointed by the Executive Committee of the General Synod) was given by Dr. Nevin C. Harner on Monday afternoon and is found under that heading in the Executive Committee's Report (Sec. 3).

The General Synod voted to adopt all the recommendations of this subsidiary Committee on Youth Organization that are printed in italics. An amendment to the first paragraph under the heading *On the Synodical Level* changing "should" to "shall" and printing it in italics, was adopted. This report was finally adopted as a whole.

17. Central Publishing House

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

This report was made on Monday afternoon, through the chairman of the Committee, the Hon. D. J. Snyder, and was forthwith adopted as a whole, as follows:—

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee appointed to consider the financial affairs of the Central Publishing House begs leave to submit the following report:

A few years ago the Central Publishing House was experiencing financial difficulties and overtured General Synod for assistance. Various committees were appointed to investigate and determine the best course of procedure. Special certified public accountants were employed to make a comprehensive study of the financial conditions of the said publishing house. Ultimately a committee of 12, representing the various parties interested, after careful consideration, recommended:

- I. "That the General Synod take over the Central Publishing House";
- II. "That for the next few years, while the synods owning the Central Publishing House exist, they continue the payment of interest on annuity agreements proportioned as at present and after they are dissolved, the General Synod assume such payments."
- III. "That the General Synod assume the bonded indebtedness of the Central Publishing House (which in effect are serial notes amounting to \$49,036.66 as of April 30, 1937.)"

The recommendations of this committee were presented to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee recommended that the General Synod through the Board of Business Management, which is to be formed after the adoption of the new constitution and on which the Central Publishing House should be represented, determine the future status of the Central Publishing House.

When these reports came before the General Synod, the matter was referred to the present committee. This committee has spent considerable time in investigating the situation. From the report of the certified public accountant of April 30, 1938, we find that the assets for this concern total \$265,922.64 and that the liabilities total \$152,141.92. To this latter sum might be added annuity bonds amounting to \$54,300.00

but which will eventually become the absolute property of the Central Publishing House. Its net worth over and above all indebtedness is therefore approximately \$113,000.00. However, during the year ending April 30, 1938, the Central Publishing House made very encouraging and commendable progress in reducing its liabilities. This appears from the report of the Certified Public Accountant wherein he states that:

"The annual installment paid to the Board of Christian Education (Philadelphia House) of \$6,000.00 now reduces this to \$12,960.43. This was confirmed by the Philadelphia House, and after paying \$7,000.00 by July 1, 1939, the remainder of \$5,960.43 is to be cancelled.

While the reduction of \$18,504.76 in your liabilities is very encouraging, indeed, there are still some financial problems that must be solved.

In view of the fact, however, in spite of the recession, which became acute with you about February 1, that you are able to report such a reduction in liabilities, all of which are cash items, and not booking credits, and in view of the further fact that you have found a very encouraging source of new business for the plant, it is my well-considered opinion, that you have proceeded an appreciable way out of your financial difficulties, and may now look into the future with a new and well-founded confidence."

A representative of the Central Publishing House informed the committee that it had reduced its indebtedness more than \$48,000.00 in the last 4 years. He asserted that, if given an opportunity it would probably be able to pay off all its indebtedness within a very reasonable number of years.

After consulting the chairman of the committee of twelve, and the president of the Board of Directors, as well as several other members of said board, and a large number of persons familiar with the situation, your committee submits the following recommendation:

That the General Synod defer taking any final action relative to the recommendation of the said committee of Twelve until the next meeting of General Synod except, that in case of an emergency such as an impending sheriff sale or the institution of bankruptcy proceedings, the General Council or Executive Committee is authorized and empowered to take over the Central Publishing House upon the terms and conditions set forth in the report of the said committee.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. Snyder

J. H. Eisenhower

A. H. Steinbeck

George W. Goebel

D. H. Bauman

H. L. Lyne

D. E. Bosma

THE COMMITTEE

18. Salaries and Retirement Provisions

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SALARIES

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

I. The Special Committee on salaries, mindful of the importance of the office of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, and mindful of the responsibilities resting upon the incumbents of said offices, submits the following recommendation for the consideration and approval of the General Synod:—

1. The President shall receive a salary of \$6000.00 and is to make his own residence provision.

2. The Secretary shall receive a salary of \$4800.00 and is to make his own residence provision.
3. The Treasurer shall receive a salary of \$4500.00 and is to make his own residence provision.

II. *Retirement Provision for Dr. J. Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk*

By reason of the peculiar situation which obtains in this transition period of the Evangelical and Reformed Church we recommend that the General Synod grant Dr. J. Rauch Stein, whose office of Stated Clerk has been combined with that of the Secretary, an annual honorarium of \$1,200.00 during the next biennium; and that this action is not to be regarded as the establishment of a precedent.

III. *Whereas* Dr. Henry Bode was not an officer of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and was not retired by reason of the merger—

Therefore be it resolved that the matter of making special provision for a continued retirement honorarium be referred to the Board of Directors of the former Evangelical Synod which he served as Treasurer for twenty-five years.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Schroeder

E. Koch

P. Press

Chas. R. Wilke

Simon Sipple

Chas. P. Rice

Ralph S. Weiler

J. C. Leonard

H. Nevin Kerst

G. W. Hartman

COMMITTEE

The foregoing report to the General Synod was made by the Rev. F. W. Schroeder, Chairman, in sections at the Monday and Wednesday sessions. Section I was adopted as read. Section II was amended from the floor, making the retirement provision for Dr. Stein \$1200.00 per annum. Section III was adopted as read and the entire report of the Committee finally adopted as a whole.

19. Publications

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your special committee on Publications considered the overture resolution from the Board of Publications and the Board of Christian Education found on pages 29 and 30 of the White Book calling attention to the provisions of the new constitution for General Synod to assume full responsibility for the publication of the Church papers and asking Synod to give earnest consideration to the advisability of having but one editor for the "Messenger."

It also gave careful study to overtures from the Atlantic, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pacific Northwest, Pennsylvania and the West Missouri Districts asking that the editorial and business offices of the "Messenger" be "consolidated and located in St. Louis."

An overture from the Eastern Synod asking General Synod to merge the Outlook of Missions and the Messenger was studied in the light of

another overture from the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod asking that the Outlook of Missions be continued a separate publication.

First of all we want to call the attention of the General Synod to the fact that we are in an interim period which places upon it the necessity to consider many problems in the light of the present biennium only. The final solution for all the problems confronting the united church cannot be found in this interim. We have had this in mind in the recommendations we suggest. We feel that our recommendations should be acted upon in the light of the interim stage in which General Synod will function during the next two years.

We therefore recommend:

1—That General Synod assume full financial responsibility for the publication of the "Messenger."

2—That for at least this biennium of the General Synod the editorial and business offices of the Messenger continue to operate as under the present arrangement.

3—That the number of editors for the Messenger be reduced to one and that adequate financial provision be made for the retiring associate editor.

4—That the Outlook of Missions and the Messenger be merged so that the Messenger will issue a monthly Missionary number which is to contain all the features of the present Outlook of Missions. We make this recommendation in the conviction that through the merger of the Outlook of Missions with the Messenger the valuable material of the Outlook of Missions will reach a vastly larger number of readers than is the case under the separate publication.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Rockel
Erwin R. Koch
Walter Meck
Michael Kross
George Longaker

This Special Committee on Publications reported on Tuesday morning, through its chairman, Rev. Charles D. Rockel. Action was taken seriatim as follows:—

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was tabled.

Item 4 was discussed by Mrs. J. D. Snyder and Mrs. F. William Leich. A substitute motion: That the *Outlook of Missions* be continued during the biennium of 1938-1940, was adopted and the report then finally adopted as a whole.

The item in the Tuesday's program:—*Nomination and Election of Editors* was satisfactorily explained by Secretary William E. Lampe and the following Resolution, presented by Dr. Schroeder, Chairman of the Committee on *Provision for the Retirement of Officials*, was adopted and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

WHEREAS, the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will of necessity lead to the elimination of certain offices by the process of consolidation and

WHEREAS, some of the servants of the united church affected by such consolidation have served the denomination for many years with signal devotion

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Synod authorize the General Council to study the problem of retirement in reference to retirement age, definition of eligibility for retirement and amounts to be fixed for such purposes of retirement provision. The General Council shall have authority to act until the next session of the General Synod.

By a subsequently adopted motion the General Council was empowered to elect editors.

20. Budgets and Apportionments (Finance)

The *Committee on Budgets and Apportionments* made report through its Chairman, Dr. Edward O. Keen, on Tuesday afternoon. Action was taken on its several items as follows:

Item 1—was adopted as read.

Item 2—was amended to include the Administration Fund in the unified budget, by a rising vote of 103 to 60, and then adopted as amended.

The General Synod further voted that in the unified budget the Administrative Fund shall have the right of way and that the next General Synod shall so refer it to the lower judicatories.

Item 3—was adopted as read.

Item 4—after a thoughtful reading and discussion, was recommended. Later a substitute list of *Budgets for the "E" Group* was presented and, on motion of Dr. Timothy Lehmann, a revised schedule, (see report) with the following introductory explanatory statement, was adopted.

Since different procedures are followed in the "E" and "R" groups in arriving at budget askings for those Boards participating in the budget, an attempt was made to follow a common procedure in the preparation of a unified budget which was to be presented to this session of General Synod. As a consequence the Board of Foreign Missions of the E group presented to the Executive Committee its actual budget of \$204,000.00, this being the same amount asked for in 1938.

The method in vogue in the E group was to deduct from the askings of the Board of Foreign Missions a sum equalling the special designations received by the Board in the previous year which therefore reduced the budget of that Board from \$204,000.00 to \$160,000.00. This policy is not followed by the R group.

Since a unified budget is not being prepared at this time, the differing procedures of the two churches may be followed

in preparing budgets for the interim. As soon as a unified budget is prepared, a common procedure ought to be followed.

The Budget for the Administration Fund was on motion referred to the General Council for action.

Item 5—was adopted with a change in wording so as to read “through existing channels now in use.”

Items 5 to 11 inclusive were severally adopted.

Item 11½ (a) was tabled.

Items 11½ (b) and 12 were adopted as read and the report then adopted as a whole. It reads, with all the authorized corrections and changes, as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS AND APPORTIONMENTS

DEAR BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Budgets and Apportionments submits the following resolutions for adoption by General Synod:

- 1) General Synod approves in principle the adoption of a unified budget for the United Church and authorizes the General Council to put the unified budget into effect when the Constitution and By-Laws shall be put into effect.
- 2) The General Synod approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee to include the following items in the unified budget:
 1. National Missions
 2. International Missions
 3. Christian Education and Publication
 4. Ministerial Pensions and Relief
 5. Educational Institutions
 6. Auxiliary Organizations and Commissions
 7. The Administration Fund
- 3) General Synod recommends to the General Council the preparation of a unified budget for the years 1941 and 1943 and requests the Classes, Districts or Synods to make a careful study of the same.
- 4) General Synod adopts the following budgets for the year 1939 and 1940, to be apportioned separately and to be separately administered:—

FOR THE “E” GROUP

1. Home Missions	\$108,000	
Church Extension	20,000	\$128,000
2. Foreign Missions		160,000
3. Christian Education	26,500	
League	3,500	30,000
4. Ministerial Relief	76,000	
Pastors' Homes	2,500	78,500
5. Churchmen's Brotherhood		3,000
6. Women's Union		2,000
7. Eden Seminary		40,000
8. Elmhurst College		67,000
9. Evangelism		1,250
10. Social Action Commission		1,250
11. Administration		20,000

12. Interest for Synod	10,000
13. Interest for Eden Seminary	6,800.00
14. Interest for Elmhurst College	12,000
15. Debt Liquidation	25,000

Total	\$584,800
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FOR THE "R" GROUP

1. Home Missions	\$350,000.00
2. Foreign Missions	350,000.00
3. Christian Education	50,000.00
4. Ministerial Relief	80,821.00
5. Churchmen's Brotherhood	2,500.00
6. Catawba College	10,000.00
7. Evangelism	1,250.00
8. Social Action	1,250.00

	\$845,821.00
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FOR ADMINISTRATION FUND (Former Contingent Fund)

1. Federal Council	\$ 4,800.00
2. World Council of Churches.....	600.00
3. General Contingents, Salaries, Office Expenditures, etc. (Referred to General Council)	

- 5) We recommend that all benevolent funds shall be sent to the various boards through existing channels now in use by the "E" and "R" groups respectively.
- 6) We recommend that the Classical Treasurers shall make monthly summary statements to the treasurer of General Synod.
- 7) General Synod regards the payment of the entire apportionment of the denominational budget a primary obligation of every congregation.
- 8) We approve in principle the policy outlined with regard to special funds, designated gifts, etc., on page 27 of Blue Book, items 2, 3 and 4, and refer them to the General Council for further study and clarification.
- 9) General Synod directs the General Council and Synods to apportion the denominational budget during the next biennium to the congregations of the "E" and "R" groups by the method in effect at present in each group.
- 10) General Synod directs the General Council to give further study to the method of apportionment to be employed in the united church. We recommend that a more equitable method of apportionment be devised, taking into consideration local church expenditures and ability to contribute as well as membership, and that an opportunity be given the Synods for the study of such method before the meeting of the General Synod in 1940.
- 11) In lieu of the recommendation of the Executive Committee in reference to the *Emergency Fund*, we suggest a contribution from every congregation of both "E" and "R" churches of one dollar for every 100 members or fraction thereof.
- 11½ (a)—A referred Overture, No. 37, from Lancaster Classis requesting that the distinction between Contingent and Benevolent Fund be henceforth discarded.

- 11½ (b)—The General Synod recommends:—That, instead of "Apportionment for Budget" the designation "Apportionment for Kingdom Service" be henceforth used.
- 12) General Synod most urgently recommends that officers and boards exercise every possible economy, especially during the next biennium, in order that such commissions and committees that General Synod shall create for the purpose of liquidating present indebtedness may have preferential consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward O. Keen
Fred A. Kratch
H. J. Damm
D. A. Bode
Harry Bindle
Phil. C. Justus
Albert H. Krusemark
 COMMITTEE

21. Endowments and Trust Funds

REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR ENDOWMENTS AND TRUST FUNDS

To the General Synod:

It is with a feeling of gratitude toward God, who has been with us in the management and handling of our Endowments and Trust Funds, and through whose grace and loving kindness we have been successful, that we submit this report.

We have experienced a slight upturn in business conditions and therefore our interest payments have been fairly prompt. We wish to report that there are no new delinquents on our accounts. Old delinquents are paying on their accounts and are trying their best to meet all obligations. In cases where parties are more than one year behind in interest payments, we aim to secure assignments of rent, applying net proceeds to payment of interest and taxes. Through this action of your Board quite a few have been able to save their properties, and they seem to be very appreciative of our action.

Interest payments to the various funds were made on the basis of 3¾% for the first quarter; 3½% for the second quarter; 3½% for the third quarter and 4% for the fourth quarter. This applies to the total of funds in our hands, \$1,334,367.20. When we consider the general trend in the business world and the actual returns coming to our investors, we feel that there should be no reason for complaint.

Properties turned over to us are all rented and in good condition with but a few exceptions, where repairs and improvements are being made now, or are being planned in the very near future. After payment of all expenses, such as current taxes, minor repairs, fire, tornado and liability insurance, etc., these properties will net us somewhat over 3% for the past year.

Losses in funds totalled \$3,864.86 for the year 1937. Of this, it must be borne in mind, \$1,529.16 was charged back to Eden Seminary, inasmuch as bonds were practically in default when they were turned over to us, the current interest not having been paid. The balance of \$2,335.71 was charged back to the various funds, thereby representing an average loss of \$1.81½ per \$1,000.00. The average of 1936 was \$2.24 per \$1,000.00 and for 1935 \$4.22 per \$1,000.00. This represents a noteworthy improvement.

In making our investments we have always practised due diligence

and have constantly kept in mind the safeguarding of the funds entrusted to us. We look forward to the time when we shall be able to realize 100% on our properties and turn them into cash, and then report a substantial gain instead of losses.

Respectfully submitted by the Board Members:

Rev. A. W. Fruechte, Chairman,
Rev. Paul Irion, Secretary,
Mr. Albert Schoch, Treasurer,
Mr. Wm. Andressohn, Trustee,
Mr. Wm. A. Koerbs, Trustee.

The report of the Committee on this activity of the Church was presented by its Secretary, the Rev. Paul W. Yoh, at the General Synod's closing session and was forthwith adopted as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

WHEREAS, the report of the Board of Endowment and Trust Funds shows that the funds entrusted to it have been carefully invested and that the returns are as large as can be expected under present business conditions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Synod commend said Board for its diligence, economy of management and its sound policy of property management and investment of funds.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS

Wm. C. Hazlebeck, Chairman
Paul W. Yoh, Secretary
Walter F. Meck
W. Bechtold
Henry J. Beck
George W. Deppert
Sydney S. Smith
Wm. Heyl
James M. Schrope

22. Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance

REPORT OF THE MUTUAL FIRE & STORM INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

(Affiliated with the Evangelical Synod of North America)

To the General Synod:

No matter what the business or profession, there are always leaders and there are always stragglers. If we judge our business by the latter, we are likely to come to the conclusion that our business is slipping, and that the world is going to its doom. But if we judge by the leaders, then we feel that progress has been made and that the world is going forward.

At times we stop and wonder if Mutual Insurance has made the progress that it should have made during the years of its existence of about 200 years. If we take the stragglers into account, we will most likely say that we are headed in the wrong direction. If we follow the leaders, our verdict will be that progress has been made.

Too often the Church is measured by one member, who is not what he should be, rather than by one who is outstanding. We all have to

admit that the Church has done a great work because its leaders have spared neither time, money, nor energy that the work of the Church might prosper and that its work might be extended. Any failure the Church may have to report can be attributed to those who refuse or neglect to share its burdens. Such folks hinder and retard the work and progress in any line.

It is thus with Mutual Insurance. It is not the companies which are alert, pay their losses promptly, and make satisfactory adjustments that discredit mutual insurance; it is the stragglers or those who for selfish reasons block the way. Mutual insurance companies represent quality because they represent the finest characteristics. Their purpose is service and protection. Justice and happiness are the things they are striving for.

Forty-five years of existence for the Mutual Fire & Storm Insurance Association is proof for this.

This is your Association, and will take care of your insurance needs as far as we are permitted to go. During the month of March of this year the Association celebrated its 45th birthday. During all of these years we did not call a special assessment, nor did we have to defend a single lawsuit. The losses were always promptly paid. During these 45 years many of our pastors and congregations have been taken care of promptly at a time when the elements destroyed their property. Our policies are written for a term of six years. The premium is paid annually on the anniversary date of the policy without any carrying charge. This practice of collecting the premium annually has proven itself very popular among our members.

We, the officers of the Mutual Fire & Storm Insurance Association, still feel and believe that we are our brother's keeper.

There is much to be said in favor of mutual insurance, but let this suffice for lack of space. We, as Evangelical and Reformed people, should investigate our own Association first before placing our order for an insurance policy.

Let us be scientific, open-minded yet skeptical, searching, investigating, learning all we can about insurance and then believe only the truth. Let us be our own masters. Let us be true to ourselves and if we are true to ourselves, then we can be false to no man.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Rasche, Secretary.

The report of the Committee to whom the foregoing report was referred was made on Wednesday morning by Rev. E. J. Westerbeck. Following an address to the Synod by the Rev. F. W. Rasche, representative of the Association, the second paragraph of the report was adopted together with a following supplementary resolution and the report then adopted as a whole as follows:—

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED BY COMMITTEE ON MUTUAL FIRE AND STORM INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

The General Synod recognizes with appreciation the fine report of the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association, especially in regard to the safe investments of the funds of the Association and the manner in which the business of the Association is conducted.

With reference to the overture of the Pennsylvania District requesting that only church buildings and the homes of pastors and pastors'

widows be insured by the Association, the General Synod approves the present practice, authorized in 1933, of insuring the properties of members of the church.

Supplementary Resolution. Resolved:—That the supplemental contract be offered to all existing policy holders when they have qualified insurance existing in addition to the policy or policies carried with the Mutual Fire and Storm Association of the Evangelical and Reformed Church by the assurance that such policies include the supplemental contract.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Westerbeck

P. C. Kehle

R. R. Jones

W. C. Heyl

THE COMMITTEE

23. Historical Organizations

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

(Evangelical)

To the General Synod:

In the absence of Prof. Carl E. Schneider, Chairman of the Historical Commission of the Evangelical Synod of N. A., who is still in Europe, the writer can only report that there is in preparation the volume by Prof. Schneider, entitled "The German Church on the American Frontier," which is designed to be "A Study in the Rise of Religion among the Germans of the West, Based on the History of the Evangelischer Kirchenverein des Westens." To the contents of this volume the author has devoted much patient research for a number of years. The book will shed much new light on the life and work of the founders of the Evangelical Synod, the beginnings of its institutions, especially the Theological Seminary, the development of congregational life, and the pastors and leaders who played a part in the steady progress of the young organization.

Samuel Kruse, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(Reformed)

To the General Synod:

I submit herewith the Report of the Historical Society of the Reformed Church in the United States. The valuable historical material illustrating the earliest history of the Reformed Church in this country is being transferred at present to its new quarters in the Fackenthal Library on the campus of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A large exhibition room and a fire-proof vault have been provided in this new building for the many original sources of our denominational history which have been gathered by the Society in the many years of its existence. Here are to be found many church records, manuscript lectures of professors of earlier days, diaries and autograph letters of ministers since the days of Boehm and Schlatter, liturgies, hymn books, catechisms and historical documents relating to the organization and development of hundreds of our local congregations.

This material is accessible to all pastors and laymen who are interested in 18th and 19th century American church history.

The Society appreciates the interest taken by the members of the General Synod in its work and invites a continued co-operation in the

effort to gather and preserve the valuable historical material relating more particularly to the origin and development of our Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. J. Klein, President.

On the basis of the contents of the foregoing reports and of the previous actions of the General Synod it, by special motion, authorized the General Council to appoint a *Historical Commission* representing the several sections of the Church.

24. Statistics

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

The *Special Committee on Statistics* reported on Wednesday morning through the Rev. William Rieman, chairman. Action on the same was taken seriatim as follows:—

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was amended to include “and according to post-office address.”

Item 3 was amended to have the rubric read “Members gained by adult baptism and confirmation” (one rubric) and adopted as amended.

Item 4 was referred to the General Council. The report with the exception of item 4 was then adopted as follows:

To the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church:

Your Special Committee on Statistics begs to report as follows on the overtures, reports and suggestions received on matters pertaining to additions to, and improvements on statistical matters, and presents for adoption the following propositions:

1) That a Statistical Report be published biennially during each General Synod Conference year in book form, by the offset process, and that the 1937 tables be published this year.

2) That all congregations belonging to one charge be listed together and that the charges appear in alphabetical order.

3) That adult baptisms be listed with “Members Gained” as (d).

4) That in place of the (6) headings:

- a) Present Communicant Membership.
- b) Baptized but Unconfirmed members.
- c) Total Communicant and Unconfirmed members.
- d) Members who communed at least once a year.
- e) Members supporting the Church financially.
- f) Total number of participants during year.

the following (5) appear:

- a) Total baptized members.
- b) Present communicant members.
- c) Members who communed at least once a year.
- d) Total number participating in Communion services during year.
- e) Members supporting the church with regular financial contributions during year.

NOTE: If such support is by family unit, give number of communicant members included in each unit.

Your Committee does not recommend the inclusion of the whole of "bers" as recommended by the Zion's Classis, as this appears to be largely of local concern.

Your Committee does not recommend the inclusion of the whole of Table "C" (Religious Education) as recommended by the West Susquehanna Classis, since it seems that the column giving the total Sunday Church School Enrollment is sufficient for general information.

Your Committee does not recommend the inclusion of the whole of the Secretaries of Consistories in the Statistical report for the reason that the volume would have to be thereby almost doubled in size. We suggest that such names be included in the Almanac of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wm. J. Riemann
P. H. Gerdes
C. Eugene Blum
R. Ira Gass
Henry Schempp*

25. Nebraska Classis Matters

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MATTERS OF NEBRASKA CLASSIS

To the Reverend General Synod:

To your Committee were referred two items:

1. *Item 45*, a reference from the Northwest Synod concerning its troubles with the Nebraska Classis regarding Immanuel Church at Lincoln, Nebraska; and
2. *Item 46*, a reference from Nebraska Classis concerning the decision of Northwest Synod in the matter of a congregation in Sutton, Nebraska, which had been handled by said Classis.

In accordance with Articles 157-160, of the "R" Constitution, your Committee recommends that the General Synod disregard both items.

Respectfully submitted,

ESRA P. VORNHOLT
MARSHALL R. ANSPACH
PAUL TRAEGER, objecting emphatically to recommendation for item 2.

The above report, on items referred from the report of the Committee on Overtures, was heard on Wednesday morning and adopted as read.

26. On Leave of Absence

This report was included in the report on Advisory Members and therewith adopted. (See under Art. II).

27. Resolutions

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

It was the hope of many of the members of our Church that the Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church would be declared in effect with the Third Biennial meeting of the General Synod held in

St. John's Church, Columbus, Ohio, June 22-29. Certain unavoidable problems made this step impossible. The determination of the members of this Synod unitedly to work toward a solution of these problems and the decision to declare the Constitution in effect for the Church at the next session of the General Synod in our opinion marks a real step forward in the direction of the coveted goal. We are convinced that the foresight and wise guidance of our leaders has assisted materially toward this end.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following resolutions:

That the General Synod express its sincere appreciation to all of its officers in arranging and conducting the various sessions of the General Synod.

That we take grateful recognition of the numerous forms of services rendered by the host church, St. John's (Ev.) Church, Columbus, Ohio, its pastor, the Rev. A. E. Klick, numerous individuals connected with St. John's Church and organizations within the church.

That we assure the management of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, that the fine accommodations cheerfully placed at the disposal of the Synod in the form of rooms for committee meetings, space for the book exhibits and air-conditioned auditorium added materially to the success and comfort of our Synod.

That we take special note of the comprehensive display and exhibits prepared under the direction of the Rev. Dr. David Baker and his able corps of helpers depicting the various phases of the denominational program of our Church. We appreciate this service very much.

That we thank everyone who assisted in any of the evening services, the three special Sunday services and who conducted the daily devotions during the meeting of Synod.

That we express our thanks to Mr. H. W. Fry, representative of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, and the local press for the publicity they have given the various phases of our denominational work. Their co-operation, counsel and aid in preparing articles for publication are truly appreciated.

That we take special note of the faithful services of the Associate Stated Clerk, the Rev. Mr. Robert C. Stanger. The prompt and efficient services of all office help also merit our highest praise.

We recommend that the treasurer of the Synod be instructed to pay the treasurer of St. John's Congregation, Columbus, Ohio, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to assist in defraying expenses entailed in connection with entertainment of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. Klingaman
D. Baltzer
Theodore Hauck, Sec'y
Charles F. Althouse
Geo. M. Conrad
E. H. Plassman

COMMITTEE

The above report was read and unanimously adopted at the closing session on Wednesday morning.

ARTICLE IX. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CO-OPERATIVE AGENCIES

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

(Joint)

To the General Synod:

By invitation of the officers I attended two Annual Meetings of the Advisory Committee of the American Bible Society. At the Annual Meeting held December 1, 1937, representatives of thirty-three denominations were present. The work of the Society was reviewed. The Scriptures have been published and are circulated in 1,008 languages and dialects. The Society is an aid and servant of all boards of national and international missions. Universal Bible Sunday is widely observed on the second Sunday of December each year. In preparation for the observance last December I sent a communication to all our pastors and churches.

The Executive Committee requests that the American Bible Society be again commended to the liberality of congregations and individuals, and recommends that the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint a representative of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to attend the annual meetings of the Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Richards.

The foregoing report was read on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. George William Brown, the representative of the Society, was introduced by President Goebel. Following his address on the subject matter of the report it was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HOLDING THE PRESBYTERIAN SYSTEM

To the General Synod:

Pursuant to the action of the General Synod at Fort Wayne in 1936, instructing the representatives of the Reformed Church in the Alliance to ask for the admission of the Evangelical and Reformed Church into membership of the same body, a formal request was made, first, before the Executive Committee of the Western Section and through it of the Western Section itself at its meeting in New York City in February, 1937, when the following action was taken:—

“After statements by the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, and the Rev. Dr. George W. Richards, the request from the Evangelical and Reformed Church for admission to the Alliance of Reformed Churches was referred to a Special Committee consisting of the Rev. Drs. Lewis S. Mudge, Thomas H. Mackenzie, and A. S. Johnson.”

This Special Committee later in the sessions presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:—

“(1) That it has examined the ‘Plan of Union’ and ‘The Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church,’ and finds them of such character, doctrinally and ecclesiastically, as fully to warrant the granting of this application for enrollment.

(2) That it recommends that the Western Section requests the Alliance of Reformed Churches at its Fifteenth General Council in Montreal, Canada, June 22-29, 1937, to enroll The Evangelical and Reformed Church as a constituent member.”

This action of the Western Section was then submitted to the General Council of the Alliance which met at Montreal in June, 1937. The matter was referred to the Business Committee, which early in the sessions reported as follows:—

"The Committee reported that after hearing particulars in each case, it unanimously and cordially recommended the Council to grant the applications of the German Evangelical Church in Denmark and the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the United States of America for affiliation to the Alliance; and after speeches by Dr. G. W. Richards and Principal Curtis the Council unanimously granted the applications. The Rev. Dr. Schroeder and the Rev. Principal Press, of the Evangelical branch of the latter recently united Church being present, were introduced and took their places as delegates."

The Evangelical and Reformed Church is thus a constituent member of the Alliance and entitled to all its rights and privileges. The General Synod must now provide for the election of its quota of representatives on the Western Section and also of the General Council of the Alliance. The basis of membership on the Western Section is as follows:

"The members of the American Section shall consist of at least *four* representatives, ministers or ruling elders, from each of the Constituent Churches, for each one hundred thousand communicants or fraction thereof up to three hundred thousand; and where a Church has more than three hundred thousand communicants, then *four* representatives, ministers or elders, for each additional two hundred thousand communicants or fraction thereof. These persons shall be chosen with their alternates under the direction of their respective supreme judicatories, in such manner as those judicatories shall respectively determine. The members of the American Section together with other representatives regularly appointed by the Supreme Judicatories shall be the delegates to the Council of the Alliance."

On the basis of 645,353 members in the Evangelical and Reformed Church, we are entitled to 20 delegates for the Western Section.

The basis of representation on the General Council of the Alliance is:

"That the representation in the Council shall be: For each hundred congregations or less, two delegates up to 1000 congregations; above 1000 congregations, one delegate for each additional 100 up to 2000 congregations; above 2000 congregations, one delegate for each additional 250 congregations."

Inasmuch as the next meeting of the General Council will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1941, the election of the representatives can be postponed, if the General Synod so desires, until its meeting in 1940. The Western Section, however, meets every two years or more frequently by special action of the Section or its Executive Committee. The delegates to it should be elected at this meeting of the General Synod.

The Fifteenth General Council of the Alliance was held at Montreal, June 23-30, 1937, which was attended by Drs. George W. Richards, Samuel D. Press, Charles E. Schaeffer, Paul M. Schroeder, Geza Takaro, J. Harvey Mickley, Eugene P. Skyles, E. E. Kresge. Mrs. F. W. Leich represented the Woman's Missionary Society. The Rev. Robert Laird, D.D., of Toronto is the President of the General Council, Dr. W. H. Hamilton of Edinburgh, the General Secretary, with Rev. William B. Pugh of Wallingford, Pa., the American Secretary and Dr. George C. Pidgeon, Chairman of the Western Section.

The Western Section held two meetings; one in 1937 in New York City, which was attended by Drs. George W. Richards, Paul S. Lein-

bach, Charles E. Miller, Charles E. Schaeffer, Elmer L. Coblentz and President Howard R. Omwake. The second meeting of the Western Section was held at Princeton in February, 1938, and was attended by Drs. George W. Richards, Paul S. Leinbach, Charles E. Miller, Charles E. Schaeffer, J. M. G. Darms, Charles E. Creitz, Howard R. Omwake, and also by Dr. Purd E. Deitz, Rev. Paul M. Schroeder and Mr. Marshall W. Anspach who were appointed by President Richards to fill the vacancies. Rev. D. J. Wetzel also attended as an alternate to Rev. Dr. Elmer L. Coblentz. Three of the members of our former delegation, namely, Mr. W. W. Anspach, Dr. F. W. Leich and Dr. George Leslie Omwake died since the last meeting of the General Synod.

The Western Section concerns itself principally with Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Ministerial Relief, Presbyterian and Reformed Church History and Theology and with work on the continent of Europe. During the year 1937 the Churches of the Western Section contributed through the central Bureau of Relief of the Evangelical Churches of Europe, the sum of \$27,200. The Evangelical and Reformed Church is credited with having contributed \$811.82. It is only proper to state that this sum does not represent the total amount of contributions given for the relief of Evangelical Churches of Europe inasmuch as a much larger sum must have been sent through other channels for this purpose.

The General Council of the Alliance opened its doors for the admission of women by taking the following action:

"The Council recognizes the International Union of Women's Missionary Societies of the Reformed Churches as the official Women's organization of the Alliance; it resolves that Constituent Churches through their supreme courts (and, if possible, upon the nomination of the several women's organizations in the said Churches) may appoint a number of representative women as Corresponding Members of General Councils, in such ratio as may be determined by the Council, with liberty to speak—but not to vote, unless they hold places in the Council itself as ministers or elders."

The General Council at Montreal also gave a comprehensive pronouncement on matters of Faith and Life which represents the thinking of Church leaders in both the Eastern and the Western Sections.

The amount formerly appropriated by the Reformed Church in the United States for the work of the Alliance was \$600 annually. This was regularly paid by the Treasurer of the General Synod. On the basis of our larger representation, the Evangelical and Reformed Church will likely wish to increase this annual contribution.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Schaeffer

Chairman of the delegation

The General Synod heard the foregoing report, through the Chairman of the Committee.

By special motion, made on Monday afternoon, the General Synod referred to the General Council, with power, the appointment of the delegates to the Alliance of Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System.

The report of the *delegates to the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences* was made by Dr. Samuel D. Press on Monday morning and approved. A consequent motion, that a Special Committee be appointed to consider our relation to the World Council of Churches was adopted. These two reports here follow in successive order:

1. REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE OXFORD AND EDINBURGH CONFERENCES

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

For more than five weeks during the summer of last year we lived in an environment of world-wide Christian fellowship. It was an unforgettable experience. To be delegated to represent the church at the great ecumenical conferences at Oxford and Edinburgh was a privilege for which we shall ever remain profoundly grateful to the General Synod. It is evident that a report made at so late a day, to a body whose ministerial members at least have undoubtedly familiarized themselves with the findings of both conferences, can concern itself only with a most general evaluation of the significance of these great meetings.

Before we attempt that, however, you will permit a word about the method of procedure at both assemblies. Each meeting functioned through sectional conferences. There were five such sections at Oxford and four at Edinburgh. The Edinburgh Conference honored itself by calling on the President of our Church, Dr. Geo. W. Richards, to preside over one of its sections. During the opening days at Oxford a number of plenary sessions were held. Among the outstanding addresses delivered at these occasions was one by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr. Thus our Church had the opportunity to make a notable contribution to these conferences. In addition to the above mentioned delegates the following represented our Church at Oxford:

Rev. Nevin C. Harner, Ph.D.
Rev. E. G. Homrighausen, Th.D.
Rev. S. D. Press, D.D.
Rev. L. W. Goebel, D.D.

At Oxford the above were joined by the following alternate delegates:

Dr. Henry H. Ranck
Prof. J. B. Ranck, Ph.D.
Prof. Carl E. Schneider, Ph.D.

In evaluating Oxford and Edinburgh one can never lose sight of those other ecumenical conferences which preceded them, Stockholm, Lausanne and Jerusalem. It is perhaps not entirely true that these earlier ecumenical conferences were the immediate cause of the closer fellowship of the churches which has marked the past decade, or that the reunion of churches which took place during this period can be directly traced to the influence of these meetings. We think that it would be more nearly correct to say that these conferences themselves were made possible because of a growing yearning for Christian reunion which evidences itself in the majority of non-Roman churches. Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that they definitely and vitally stimulated the ecumenical movement by fostering the ecumenical mind. At any rate, it is to be noted that in the decade intervening between these conferences and last summer, many reunions of related churches, both in Europe and America have taken place.

The conferences at Oxford and Edinburgh met, therefore, under the influence of an existing and growing spirit of union. The longing and the hope for reunion did not need to be awakened. It was present. Oxford had set itself the task of discussing the theme: "The Church, the Community and the State." Under this general heading the Oxford Conference considered the church's relationship to the Community, the State, the Economic Order, the World of Nations, its related subject, War, and Education. The advance material had been factual. It dealt in an able, scholarly manner with the problems under consideration. As one looks at the findings of the conference from the vantage point of

nearly a year, one is compelled to pay tribute to their very high scholarship. But what the reports do not as definitely reveal is the fact that the hope of reunion was as strong here as in Edinburgh. I am tempted to say that it was even more pronounced. It came to be the dominating factor of the whole conference. Was this true because the delegates had their eyes on Edinburgh? Or was it so because the ecumenical movement has laid hold on the minds of churchmen throughout the world? As I think back to Oxford and as I read the reports, I find that it is the following statement which most fully typifies the spirit of the conference: "The first duty of the church, and its greatest service to the world, is that it be in very deed the church—confessing the true faith, committed to the fulfillment of the will of Christ, its only Lord, and united in Him in a fellowship of love and service." That was the keynote, the very theme of this conference, on which the eyes of the church were fastened as much as on Edinburgh and toward which the world looked more hopefully than to Edinburgh.

And then we came to Edinburgh. I am not to give a report on the findings of this Conference any more than on Oxford. As I look back I find myself asking: What was the real achievement of Edinburgh? Progress was made toward a better understanding among the various branches of the church in matters of divisive doctrine. This was true in spite of the fact that here were men of strong, oft-times conflicting convictions. In moments when we were uncharitably inclined, we were tempted to think that there were stubbornly opinionated men present. It was, therefore, not possible to reach an agreement on all controversial matters. One fact, however, stands out above all others. The section which dealt with "The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ" found it possible to submit a report which was adopted with unanimity and with grateful enthusiasm, not only by the section, but by the entire conference. Here was a report which did not set forth, as those of other sections did, the divergent views of delegates, but rather a positive statement of faith to which all the delegates were ready to subscribe. You will permit me to quote the closing portion of the report of this section: "Our salvation is the gift of God and the fruit of His grace. It is not based on the merit of man, but has its root and foundation in the forgiveness which God in His grace grants to the sinner whom He receives to sanctify him. We do not, however, hold that the action of the Divine grace over-rides human freedom and responsibility; rather, it is only as response is made by faith to Divine grace that true freedom is achieved. Resistance to the appeal of God's out-going love spells, not freedom, but bondage, and perfect freedom is found only in complete conformity with the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

The unanimity with which this report was received seemed to us an answer to the yearning for a reunion of the churches which one felt so keenly at Oxford. To be sure, Oxford yearned for a clear statement concerning the nature and function of the church. Edinburgh did make its contribution toward this problem. Yet, in certain portions of the report dealing with the church, it found itself constrained to say, "We are not as yet of one mind." Nevertheless, it did send its delegates back to their respective groups, thinking, as they perhaps never have done before, about the problem of the church; the true nature and the function of the church. Since Oxford and Edinburgh the church finds itself challenged to think anew of the whole church as the body of Christ and to re-examine its mission to the whole world.

The value of these world conferences lay in the fact that they were just that, world-wide. Here were present all the major groups of non-Roman Christians, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Anglican, Orthodox, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, Evangelical and Reformed; 122 communions with 414 delegates at Edinburgh, and a number nearly

twice as large at Oxford, representing 43 different countries. Shall we pause to think what that means for the Christian church? In the memory of people still living such an inter-denominational meeting would not have been possible, even among American Protestant groups. Now they all met in a world conference. Only the delegates of the German Evangelical Church, although they had made a notable contribution toward the preparation of these conferences, were prevented from attending.

More remarkable, it seems to me, is the fact that at neither conference was one voice lifted up against the hope of Christian reunion. All prayed and worked and, one may well say, many agonized in long hours of committee work because they hoped to make some contribution toward the coming of the day when the Master's prayer might be answered as He prayed to his Father, and our Father, that they all may be one. And we felt, as we sat in these conferences, that all present were moved by the conviction that this longing for reunion of Christendom was not merely their own, but that it was to be found in the very life of the churches which they represented.

Moreover, the delegates to these conferences discovered that an inner unity of the churches was, in a much greater sense than most of us had realized, not something to be looked forward to, but a present fact. In faith and in spirit, and in common recognition of the task which is ours, as well as in the willingness to perform that task and the sense of urgency in performing it, we were at one. All were conscious of belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ, of having one Father whose will we must do if we are to be found worthy to be called his children. To be sure, some of us sat in sectional conferences where it was evident that a corporate union may not come about very speedily. There still are differences in regard to the sacraments which separate the Anglican and the Orthodox groups from the rest of us. There still are different conceptions concerning the validity of the ministry of non-Episcopal churches. There still are differences of opinion as to that which is implied when we speak of "the communion of saints." There still was much that was willful, and human, and narrow at these conferences. Let no one think otherwise. And yet there was a conviction that we are much nearer to being one in spirit than appears on the surface, and there was also the hope that God may prepare the way for union more quickly than we think it possible.

In spite of all the differences which remained, the members of the conference went their way convinced that they had come to a much better understanding of one another, and one another's churches, than would have been possible through the reading of books. The leaders of the church have established among themselves a bond of fellowship which is destined to bring the churches they represent into closer fellowship with one another and, we pray, into an ultimate union.

There was an almost tragic note present at the Oxford Conference. At least so it seemed to me. Yet even this tragic element had its value for the ecumenical movement. Men had come that they might join their voices with that of the whole church in giving a message to the whole world. A word which would kindle the imagination of men, which would cause the world to pause, to listen, to repent perhaps; but which the world would recognize, nevertheless, as a word of hope, the hope of a new day, a new life, a more abundant life. But it seemed to us that somehow the delegates at Oxford were conscious that the world, taken at large, was not really disposed to listen to any message from Oxford. The world did not stand in awe of the church. And so the church through its representatives looked at itself, at the whole church, and it spoke to its own, and it bade the church repent. And men meant it. They sought God at Oxford, sought him in a repentant mood. They longed for the

grace of God, their one source of power, their one hope, and the hope of the world. That helped create an ecumenical mind. It was a turning away from a dependence upon and a loyalty to denominations to a dependence upon Christ, who is our common hope.

What enrichments did these conferences bring to the life of the church? I think, first of all, they brought into the forefront of our thinking the whole present world scene, not only in the light of time, but of eternity. In other words, these conferences challenge us to re-think our whole relationship as Christian churches to life in general. We have been persuaded that here we are confronted by a challenge not to any individual group, but to the whole church. A task which requires the united witness bearing and the united service and sacrifice of Christ's church. Only thus will the world believe, and only thus can we make an effective attack upon the world of sin. Edinburgh, and Oxford as well—for Oxford was hardly less theological than Edinburgh—placed a new emphasis on the need of the search for the whole truth God has revealed in His word, above all as it is incarnate in Christ Jesus. Somehow all present came to feel that there was great wisdom in Bishop Palmer's statement: "To the church as a whole is given the whole truth necessary to it at any one time, but to the churches and individuals in them, only parts of the whole truth. — We must go back to the one Beloved Society, so that what He gives to each may be available to all."

It was this same Missionary Bishop who at Edinburgh made one of the most eloquent pleas for Christian reunion. Indeed, the representatives of the younger churches possessed the ecumenical mind in the largest measure. They challenged the conference and the churches of the whole world, for the sake of the hope of winning the world for Christ, not to delay to a more opportune time the reunion of Christendom, but now when the world is so sorely in need of the message and when it will listen only to the voice of the united church. They bade us to join hands so that we might be enabled to perform more effectively the church's primary task, that of evangelizing the whole world.

It was the very urgency of the situation which led those who were in charge of the arrangements for the conferences to prepare a plan for united action by proposing a world council of churches. If the conferences had been held under circumstances such as those which prevailed ten years ago, I am persuaded to believe they would have been content to wait for a day in which it might conceivably be possible to bring about a real reunion of the church. The urgency of the situation impelled men to create an agency for immediate action, to be known as the World Council of Churches. There was a conviction abroad that the day is at hand when there must be given to the whole church an instrument through which it may not only speak to the world with a united voice, but through which the church may be able to interest itself actively in behalf of those churches who are facing problems which they can no longer solve without the support of the whole church. But this council is to do more. Through it the whole non-Roman church would re-think its faith, seek after the will of God for our day, and challenge the whole church to live by that will. There was, indeed, such a searching after the will of God, both at Oxford and at Edinburgh. The day of Christian reunion has been brought closer, we are convinced, through such seeking after the will of God. At least that is how we felt who prayed together in St. Mary's at Oxford, and St. Giles in Edinburgh, and who sat in old St. Paul's in London under the preaching of the Archbishop of Canterbury. We truly believe that in these hours of prayer and worship the hope of Christian reunion was kindled even more effectively than in the sessions of the conferences or their sections.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Goebel

2. Report of the Special Committee on World Council of Churches

The General Synod at Columbus, Ohio, expresses its faith in the Ecumenical movement wholeheartedly and unreservedly inasmuch and insofar as it recognizes in this movement the guiding hand of God in the history of the Church.

What has been achieved in the conferences of "Life and Work" at Oxford and "Faith and Order" at Edinburgh last summer and in the Provisional Conference at Utrecht, Holland, in the month of May of this year is more than the doing of men; it is in its intrinsic character the work of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to the consummation of the World Council of Christian Churches with eager expectations and high hopes, recognizing that, since the World Council is expected to include not only Protestant but also Eastern Orthodox and Old Catholic bodies, it will mean a more inclusive unity of a cooperative character than has existed since the division of the Church into the Western and Eastern branches nearly a thousand years ago.

We recognize that the projected World Council is designed not merely to draw the churches together as they are but to equip them to be more effective servants of Christ in the world. To this end we pledge ourselves as a branch of the Christian Church to the following great tasks growing out of the movement of ecumenicity:

- 1) To seek to be the Church in the World as under judgment with the world, which means that our primary and constant concern must be the message of reconciliation operating through the processes of repentance and sanctification by the grace of God, "We shall preach Christ and Him crucified."
- 2) To contend for a dynamic Christianity by giving ourselves with far greater earnestness and assiduousness to the pursuit of a vital theology and the practice of a living faith operative in love by coming to the aid of the weak and all those facing special crises in human society.
- 3) To endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace by extending the hand of fellowship to all the communions of our common faith and to all honest seekers after God and the righteousness of Christ's Kingdom.

We recommend the appointment of a special committee whose task shall be to keep the Church informed of all further developments within the Ecumenical movement and to prepare the way for the establishing of active membership of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the World Council.

We instruct the General Council to meet the apportionment of financial support allotted to the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

*T. Lehmann
F. Frankenfeld
Henry Schlundt
E. Schmidt
Barnabas Dienes
Lawrence E. Bair
S. Leslie Shafer*

COMMITTEE

The foregoing report was read by the chairman and unanimously adopted, as a whole, on Wednesday morning. The General Synod further voted that this report be printed in its entirety in our church papers.

ARTICLE X. REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION

To the General Synod:

Your Judicial Commission has not had a single item referred to it during the past biennium, and therefore no meeting of the Commission has been called.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul S. Leinbach, Chairman.

The foregoing report made by the chairman at the close of the Wednesday morning session was straightway adopted.

ARTICLE XI. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair Occupied by the Vice-Presidents.—At intervals during the sessions of the General Synod, its Vice-Presidents, Dr. Louis W. Goebel and Judge D. J. Snyder and also Dr. Jacob C. Leonard presided over the deliberations.

The Year Book.—By special action taken on Wednesday morning, the General Synod instructed that the 1939 Year Book of the Evangelical and Reformed Church be edited in the same way as was done last year.

Printing and Distribution of the Minutes.—The General Council on Wednesday morning recommended to the General Synod that it authorize the printing of 6,500 copies of the Minutes of the General Synod and that a copy be mailed to each minister and to each congregation on the roll of the Church.

Date for Next Biennial Meeting.—It also recommended that the date for the opening of the next meeting of the General Synod be referred to the General Council with power.

Radiogram to Dr. Richards.—The General Synod prior to adjournment authorized Corresponding Secretary Dr. Carl Haas to send a message of greeting and good wishes to Dr. George W. Richards, already at sea on his journey to the Conference at Utrecht.

The Special Committee to reimburse delegates who had had money stolen from them made report on Wednesday morning, through Dr. J. Ned LeVan, Chairman. The report was unanimously approved and the business referred to it having been satisfactorily completed it was appreciatively discharged. The General Synod voted that the surplus remaining in the reimbursement fund contributed by the delegates be given to the China Relief Fund.

ARTICLE XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Rev. Edward O. Keen, D.D., roll clerk, after the opening of each daily session and at the close of the final session of the General Synod, announced the presence of a quorum, constituted as follows:

"E" GROUP				
<i>Session</i>	<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Districts</i>	<i>Lay-Delegates</i>	<i>Districts</i>
1st	61	21	60	20
2nd	61	21	59	20
3rd	62	21	59	20
4th	61	21	57	20
5th	58	21	56	20
6th	56	21	47	20
7th	46	19	51	16
Final Roll	20	14	24	14

"R" GROUP				
<i>Session</i>	<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Elders</i>	<i>Classes</i>
1st	84	54	71	43
2nd	84	54	71	43
3rd	84	54	71	43
4th	84	54	69	43
5th	81	53	65	41
6th	78	51	56	39
7th	58	42	41	32
Final Roll	52	35	38	30

The Minutes were read and approved at the opening of each session and preceding the adjournment of the General Synod. The several sessions of the General Synod were opened and closed with religious services.

There were 145 ministers and 131 elders and laymembers who registered their presence during the sessions, a total of 276 accredited delegates, representing 54 of the 56 Classes and all of the 21 Districts. There were also 115 visiting pastors, elders and representatives of Church Boards and Institutions and 9 women interested in the work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, exclusive of the women of the local Church of whose presence no numerical record was preserved. The total summary of recorded attendance was 400.

The General Synod adjourned finally on Wednesday, June 29, 1938, at 12:10 p. m.

Pending a motion to adjourn, the Minutes were read, corrected and adopted, and finally adopted as a whole.

The members of the General Synod then gathered at the rostrum of the auditorium for the closing service. They united in confessing their faith through the Apostles' Creed, prayed the Lord's Prayer together and sang the first stanza of "Blest be the tie that binds." Vice-President Goebel then pronounced the Apostolic Benediction and declared the General Synod adjourned to meet for its 4th Sessions in the St. Paul's

Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., in A. D. 1940, the date and hour to be determined by the General Council of the General Synod.

George Warren Richards, President,
Louis W. Goebel, Vice-President,
James Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk,
Robert C. Stanger, Associate Stated Clerk.

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